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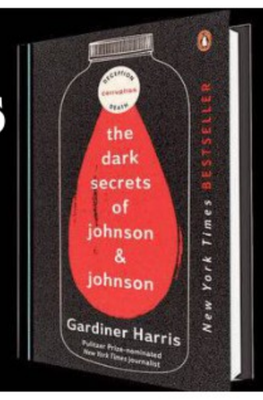

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Minor girl set ablaze in Odisha; in critical state

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

A 15-year-old girl was abducted and set ablaze by unidentified persons in Puri district of Odisha on Saturday morning, the police said.

She is in a critical condition with second- and third-degree burns at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar.

Saturday's assault on the minor girl has led to outrage in the State, especially as it took place within days after the death of a college student who set herself ablaze outside the Principal's office of a college in Balasore last Saturday after repeated complaints of sexual harassment by her teacher went unaddressed.

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SC to hear Article 143 reference on President, Governor's powers on July 22

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court will hear on Tuesday a Presidential Reference under Article 143 of the Constitution asking if the court can "impose" timelines and prescribe the manner of conduct of Governors and the President while dealing with State Bills sent to them for assent or reserved for consideration.

A Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P.S. Narasimha, and A.S. Chandurkar will hear the matter.

Broadly, the Presidential Reference has asked whether judicial orders can dictate by what time and in what manner the President and Governors should function under Articles 200 (which covers the process of grant of assent by Governors to State Bills) and 201 (when Bills are reserved by Governors for Presidential assent) of the Constitution.

Key question

"In the absence of any constitutionally prescribed time limit or manner of exercise of powers by a Governor, can time limits be imposed and manner of exercise of powers be prescribed through judicial orders? Can judicial orders impose timelines and manner of exercise of powers by the President under Article 201," the reference dated May 13, the last working day of former Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, has asked.

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Cong. seeks clarity over Trump's remarks on jets

U.S. President says five jets were shot down during the India-Pakistan conflict without specifying which country suffered the losses; Congress leader says country has the right to know the truth

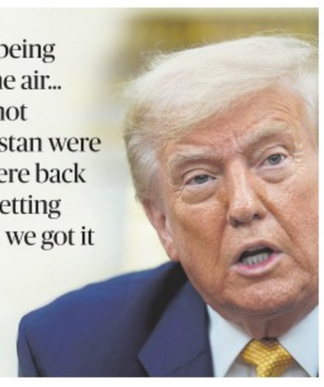
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday attacked the Centre over U.S. President Donald Trump's latest statement that "five jets were shot down" during the India-Pakistan conflict that followed Operation Sindoor in May.

Mr. Trump repeated his earlier claims about the U.S. role in the ceasefire, which the Centre has consistently denied. In his comments made on Friday evening in Washington, Mr. Trump did not specify which country's jets were shot down.

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, indicated that his party was likely to push for answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this issue in the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which begins on Monday.

> Planes were being shot out of the air... I think five jets were shot down... India and Pakistan were going at it, and they were back and forth, and it was getting bigger and bigger, and we got it solved through trade
>
> **DONALD TRUMP**
> U.S. President



"Modiji, what is the truth of the five jets? The country has a right to know," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said that this was the "24th time" Mr. Trump had claimed to have stopped the conflict with trade threats, and demanded that Mr. Modi make a "clear and categorical" statement in Parliament on the issue.

Mr. Trump was speaking at a dinner with Republican Senators at the White House when he referred to the India-Pakistan clash, amongst a list of global conflicts he claimed to have stopped.

"We're not making a trade deal if you're going to be throwing around weapons and maybe nuclear weapons," Mr. Trump said he told the leaders of both countries.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not respond to Mr. Trump's latest remarks referring to the loss of five jets. Pakistan's military had claimed to have shot down several Indian jets during Operation Sindoor on May 7.

The Prime Minister "clearly conveyed to President Trump" that the conflict was wound down bilaterally as per established procedures, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on June 17, after Mr. Trump spoke to Mr. Modi on the phone.

Government issues draft notification on splitting BBMP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Saturday issued a draft notification on the boundaries of the proposed five corporations to be carved out of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) area. The public can file objections over the next 30 days.

After the final notification, five corporations – Bengaluru Central, North, East, West and South City Corporations – will replace the existing BBMP. The government has committed before the courts to hold civic polls in the city by the end of this year. A Greater Bengaluru Authority will be formed, which will be tasked with coordination, planning and big projects.

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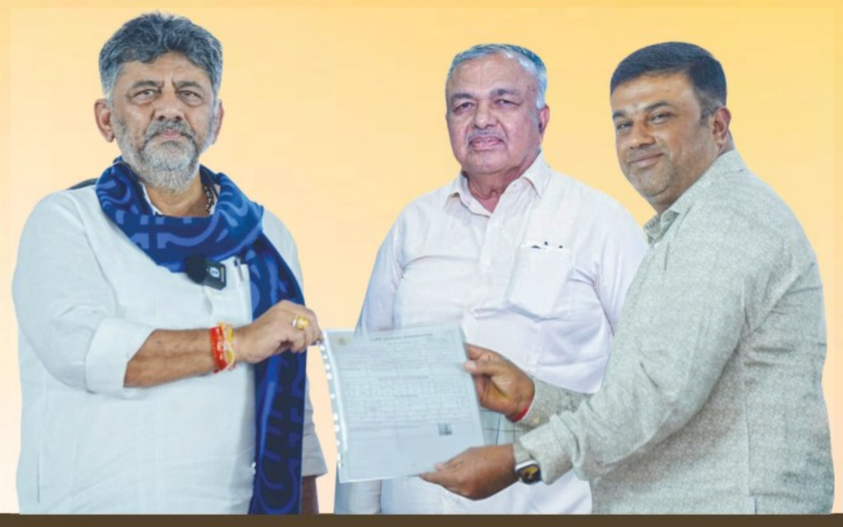
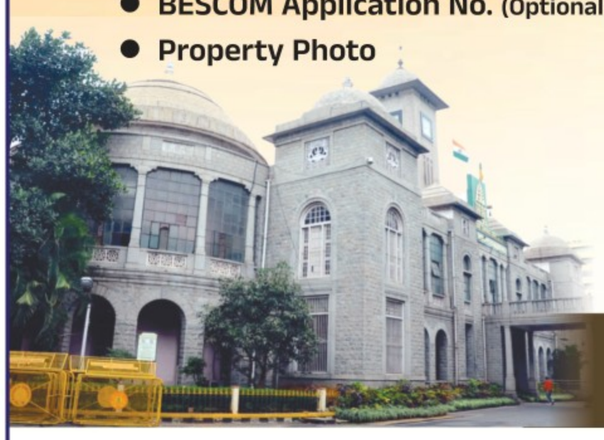
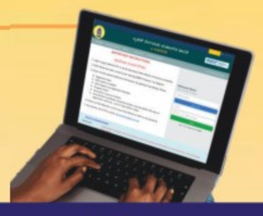

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri D.K. Shivakumar & Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Muzrai Shri Ramalinga Reddy handing over an e-Khata.





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Nothing goes to waste: People on boats collect the weed growing in the Wular lake, located 60 km from Srinagar, to feed their cattle.

Walk by the lake: The lake is a crucial habitat along the Central Asian Flyway for migratory geese, ducks, shorebirds, cranes as well as local birds. It attracts 213 waterbird species.

Season to flourish: The return of the lotus in the lake has sparked hope among communities as it brings economic benefits.

Rosy picture: A big lotus in full bloom at the Wular lake in Bandipora district. Lotuses have bloomed again in the freshwater lake, one of the largest in the Indian subcontinent, after nearly three decades.

Wular back in the pink

The lake in Kashmir has welcomed back lotuses after a gap of 30 years enforced by ecological degradation due to nutrient pollution and silting of the water expanse

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The sight of dew droplets dripping down large lotus leaves in the morning enhances the bewitching charm of the Wular lake in the Kashmir Valley these days. Waxy green leaves and pink lotuses now embellish the large surface of the freshwater lake, surrounded by mountains, after a gap of three decades.

"It is the Almighty's miracle that lotuses are a reality on the lake again. The lake had turned barren more than three decades ago for our own sins. For local farmers, it means more money and happier times ahead this year," says Bashir Dar, a local fisherman.

Over the years, farming practices and rising population had increased nutrient pollution load and silting into the lake waters, which saw an extraordinary increase in nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium levels. Lotus, being a deep lake plant, only blooms in water with low phosphorus. Also, with large amounts of silt added to the lakebed, which acts as an absorption basin for floodwaters, the lotus plants could not survive. "Lotus blooming [at present] is the result of ongoing de-siltation carried out after the 2014 floods in Kashmir," says Khursheed Khan, a teacher.

The lake, once considered among Asia's largest freshwater lakes, tells a sad story of ecological degradation. According to the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife Department, the area of the lake was 217.8 sq.km. in 1911 and included 58 sq.km. of associated marshes. However, it was reduced to an alarming 86.71 sq.km. by 2007. The main cause of this shrinkage was conversion into agricultural land, thus reducing the lake area by 28% and its fauna by 17%, an official survey suggests.

In 1992, lotuses in the Wular stopped blooming after floods in the Jhelum river damaged the ecosystem.

At present, the lake is surrounded by 31 villages and home to over 12,000 households. The Wular lake is also home to folklore, with mythology and legends woven around gods and kings of the past.

The local communities are overjoyed by the pink blooms today. Lotuses act as a barometer of the ecological health of the lake. The lotus stems are collected through an arduous exercise as they are considered a delicacy. Traditionally cooked with freshwater fish, the stems are a must-have item at weddings in Kashmir.

(Text by Peerzada Ashiq)

Means of sustenance: A farmer on his boat harvests water chestnuts. Chestnut collection is one of the many activities that sustains families living close to the lake.

OTT platform to learn Sanskrit launched

Dignitaries at the launch of a Sanskrit learning platform in OTT format in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A first-of-its-kind OTT platform that teaches Sanskrit, developed by Vyoma Linguistic Labs Foundation, was launched here on Saturday.

The platform, available at www.digitalsanskrit-.com, features an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered user interface that allows users to explore videos, podcasts, audiobooks, games, and e-books. It is designed to help people of all ages and proficiency levels learn Sanskrit.

Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder of Infosys, who launched the platform, said, "Leveraging technology will help preserve our timeless knowledge and make it universally accessible. This is a creative, open, and joyful space for learners from across the world. This is a powerful way to bring ancient Indian intellectual traditions to the global stage."

Panel discussion

The launch of the initiative brought together scholars, technologists, educators, and cultural enthusiasts of Sanskrit and Indian knowledge systems. The programme also had a panel discussion on the theme 'Indian Knowledge Systems: Towards Democracy Through Technology'.

B. Mahadevan, a distinguished Sanskrit scholar and former IIM Bangalore professor, noted that technology should serve as a bridge to make India's knowledge traditions more accessible and meaningful to everyone.

Byrathi Basavaraj quizzed in rowdy sheeter murder case; he denies any role in it

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Four days after a realtor-turned-rowdy sheeter was hacked to death, BJP MLA Byrathi Basavaraj, who has been named as an accused, appeared before the Bengaluru police for questioning on Saturday.

Shivaprakash, alias Biklu Shiva, was murdered near his residence on Meanee Avenue Road at Bharathi Nagar on the night of July 15. Five persons have been arrested after they surrendered to the police claiming responsibility for the murder while the prime accused is on the run.

The MLA for K.R. Puram, who has been named as accused number 5 in the FIR, appeared before ACP Prakash Rathod, who is heading the investigation.

The police served him a notice to appear for questioning. Mr. Basavaraj appeared before the police based a direction by the High Court of Karnataka, which was hearing his plea challenging the FIR. The court directed him to cooperate with the investigation.

As per the FIR registered by the Bharathi Nagar police, the MLA is accused of instigating the accused who claimed to murdering Shivaprakash in connection with past rivalry and property-related disputes.

Summoned again

Hours after being grilled for almost four hours, Mr. Basavaraj denied his role in the murder. Speaking to the media on Saturday, the MLA said that he replied to all questions and clarified that he has no role in the murder. The legislator said he has been summoned again for questioning on Wednesday.

Employee of bank found dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old private bank employee was found dead at his house in Rajarajeshwarinagar on Friday. He allegedly ended his life as he was depressed over losses in online betting and had incurred a huge loan. The deceased was identified as Manoj Kumar.

The police said that he took the extreme step after his parents left for work. He sent a video to his parents apologising and blamed his colleagues for pushing him into betting.

The police have registered a case of abetment to suicide. Further investigation is on.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help)

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SALE NOTICE WITHDRAWAL

E-Auction Sale Notice published in this newspaper on **05.07.2025** pertaining to **(1) Mr. Mohammed Aslam, (2) Mr. Mohammed Osman & (3) Mrs. Azmatuniss** which is scheduled on **22.07.2025** stands withdrawn due to adminitrative reasons. The E-Auction sale date will be announced in due course.

Date : 19.07.2025 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

Canara Bank ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Telephone number: 08025310181
Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

CORRIGENDUM

Refer to our E-Auction Sale Notice Advertisement published in account of **M Pawan Kumar Reddy** in **The Hindu** and **Udayakala** Dated **09.07.2025.** Kindly read the details of property as follows:

All that Piece and Parcel along with land and building bearing BDA Site No. 348, BBMP Municipal No.348, PID No.57-327-348, Situated at 9 th Main Road, Dollars Colony, J P Nagar, 4 th Phase, Municipal Ward No.57, Bangalore-560078. Measuring East to West 24.38 Meters, North to South 15.24 Meters, Admeasuring 371.55 Square meters or 4000 Sq.ft and Bounded on the: **East by:** Raod , **West by:** Site No.311, **North by:** Site No.347 And **South by:** Site No.349.

Owner of the Property:
Mr.Pawan Kumar S/O M.Nagireddy & Mrs. Latha Preeti

All other terms and conditions will remain the Same.

Place : Bangalore Authorized Officer
Date : 19.07.2025 Canara Bank

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD),RANCHI
NirupanBhawan, 3rd Floor, Room No. 401,56-Set, Doranda,Ranchi-834002

e-Procurement (Short Tender Notice)
Letter of Invitation (LOI) No.-13/2025-26
2nd Call
e-Tender Ref No:–RCD/PID/RANCHI/13/2025-26 Date:-18.07.2025

1	**Name Of Work**	**Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Construction of Murma Khurd PWD Road to Pandu Main Road via Dhanchabar including replacement/New Proposal of Culverts, Bridges, ROB's, RUB's, Complete Land Acquisition Plan including Ownership details all complete as per latest guidelines, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal, Forest Diversion Proposal and Utility Shifting Proposal in details etc. as required by the Department (If any) under Palamu District in the State of Jharkhand.*Only Empanelled consultant with RCD under categoryI vide letter No. 3063(S) WE Dated 22.08.2022are allowed to bid.**
2	**Tentative Length**	**9 Km**
3	**Period of Completion of Work**	90 Days
4	**Cost of Tender documents & Earnest Money Deposit**	Cost of tender documents is Rs. 5000/-(Non-Refundable) EMD:- The quotationers have to deposit a fixed amount of Rs 15000.00 (Fifteen thousand only) as Earnest Money. **As per the Departmental Letter no.-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit will be received in online mode only through e-procurement portal (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by internet banking/NEFT/RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023.**
5	**Mode of Bid Submission**	e-tendering(https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/)
6	**Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website**	23.07.2025,At 05:30 PM
7	**Online Last Date/Time of Bid Submission**	06.08.2025, 12:00 noon
8	**Date and Time of Bid opening**	07.08.2025, 12:30 PM
9	**Bid validity**	120 days
10	**Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer**	Executive Engineer, Planning and Investigation Division, RCD, Ranchi, Mob No.-9471650883
11	**Advertisement no.**	PR 355580 Road(25-26).D

Note:- Only e-Tender shall be accepted. Further details can be seen on e-procurement portal (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/).

PR 357762 (Road) 25-26 (D)

Executive Engineer,
Planning & Investigation Division,
Road Construction Department, Ranchi.

Bank of Baroda
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Regional Office, Makam Towers, Vivekananda Road, Ashok Nagar, Mandya.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act 2002, read with provision to Rule 6(2) & rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor **" will be sold on as is where is "As is what is basis" and Whatever there is"** for the recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s Secured Asset/s Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date, time, EMD, and Bid increase amount are mentioned below.

BIDADI BRANCH

1. Name and Address of The Borrower/ Guarantors Borrowers: 1) M/s. Maruthi Ready Mix, Sy No:26, Lakshmi Sagara, Manchanayaknahalli Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist, Karnataka-562109, **Factory Address:** Entagana Halli, Kunigal Road, Nelamangala Taluk, Mandya District. **2) Sri. H.Melegowda** S/o. Hanumanthaiah, R/o Lakshmi Sagara, Manchanayaknahalli Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist, Karnataka-562109, **3) Smt. D.M.Pushpa** W/o Sri. H.Melegowda, R/o Lakshmi Sagara, Manchanayaknahalli Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist, Karnataka-562109, **Guarantors : 1) Sri. H.Melegowda** S/o. Hanumanthaiah, R/o Lakshmi Sagara, Manchanayaknahalli Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist, Karnataka-562109, **2) Smt. D.M.Pushpa** W/o Sri. H.Melegowda R/o Lakshmi Sagara, Manchanayaknahalli Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist, Karnataka-562109.

Description of the Immovable Property : Item no: 1: All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari no:123/70 , measuring East to West 50 Ft and North to South 20+30/2 Ft, totally measuring 1250 sq Ft, situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District.

Item No: 2 : All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari No:123/71, measuring East to West 50 Ft and North to South 25+30/2 totally measuring 1375 Sq ft, situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli,Ramanagara Taluk and District.

Item No: 3 : All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari No:123/72 , measuring East to West 50 Ft and North to South 30 totally measuring 1500 Sq Ft , situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District.

Item no: 4 : All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshmari No:123/73 , measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 totally measuring 1200 sq ft , situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District.

Item No: 5 : All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari No:123/74 , measuring 40 Ft and North to South 40+45/2 totallymeasuring 1700 sq ft , situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District, All properties are commonly bounded as : East by : Road, West by: Road, North by : Road, South by: Private Property.

Balance Outstanding As On **17.07.2025**	**A/c No's:** **67350600000647 Rs. 1,75,13,682/-** **67350600000528 Rs. 14,53,920/-** **67350600001704 Rs. 21,22,425/-** **Total: Rs. 2,10,90,027/- (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakh Ninety Thousand and Twenty Seven only) (O/s Bal as on 17.07.2025+ interest from 18.07.2025 to till date of realization+ Other Charges.**
Date, Time & Portal For E-auction (With Unlimited Extension Of Five Minutes Duration On Each Bid) And Bid Incremenet Amount.	**DATE 06.08.2025 TIME: 10 AM to 06 PM** **Bid increment: Rs 20,000 /-** **Website: https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm** **Online Auction Portal: https://ebkray.in**
Reserve Price And Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	**Reserve Price: Rs. 1,08,00,000 /-** **(Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh only)** **EMD: Rs 10,80,000/-**
Last Date And Time Of Receipt Of Emd And Bank A/C Details With IFSC For Transfer Of EMD	**06.08.2025**
Status of Possession (Symbolic /Physical)	**Physical Possession**
Property Inspection date & Time	**20-07-2025 to 05-08-2025 , 10 AM TO 11 AM**

For details terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in Website: https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and Online Auction Portal: https://ebkray.in and may also contact the authorized officer on 9589028039.

Date: 19.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
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Description of the Immovable Property : Item no: 1 : All that piece and parcel of the property having Khaneshumari no:123/36, measuring East to West 42 Ft and North to South 42 Ft, totally measuring 1764 sq ft, situated at Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District.

Item no: 2: All that piece and parcel having Khaneshumari No:123/37, measuring 42+38/2 Ft, North to South 42+46/2, totally measuring 1760 sq ft Kethriganahalli Layout, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District. Both properties bounded : East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No 35, South by: Private Property.

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids on electronic mode for the following works coming under Transmission (Operations) Circle-South, Bengaluru.

I. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(12)/25-26/1647-48 **Date: 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/ 24-25/EPR-15, Call-10, Dated 01.10.2024 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV ITI-Hebbala-1 & 2 (Hebbala-L.R. Bande & Hebbala- Banaswadi tapped to pottery road) double circuit line between tower No.06 & 07 in HMT Layout, R.T Nagar by providing 02 Nos of 66kV DC plus 6 NBT KPTCL design towers in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

II. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/JE-1/F-393(4)/24-25/1649-54 **Date: 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(O)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/JE-1/24-25/EPR-82 CALL-2 Dated: 01.02.2025 for "Design, manufacturing, testing and supply of 14 Nos of 66KV Class Potential Transformers (0.2 Accuracy), 31.5KA rating of ratio 66KV/√3/110V/√3-110V/√3-110V/√3 (with Marshalling Boxes and without Mounting Structures) conforming to KPTCL Technical Specifications F.O.R.D at stores/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading for the use at various Sub-Stations.

III. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(08)/25-26/1657-59 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/South(Circle)/EE(O)/AEE-1/25-26/EPR-04, Call-2, Dated 17.05.2025 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV ITI-Hebbala-1&2 (ITI-Banaswadi & ITI-Pottery Road) D/C Line between Tower number 9 & 11 in Ramamurthy Nagar by providing 2 No's of new proposed intermediate towers of 66kV DD+3 [9 Arm] NBT KPTCL Design Tower & 66kV DD+3 NBT KPTCL Design Tower in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

IV. No. SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(08)/25-26/1660-62 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-15, Call-4, Dated 01.10.2024 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 220kV Hoody-Malur SC Line Between Tower no.16 and Tower no.22 in Anugraha Layout by providing 3 Nos of proposed new intermediate towers of 220kV DD plus zero Gadag-Bagalkote design tower, 220kV DB/DE plus 6 NBT NRS-Laggere design Tower in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

V. No.SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(07)/25-26/1663-64 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-15, Call-4, Dated 01.10.2024 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV HAL – BWTC-1&2 (HAL – K.B.Halli & HAL - Bagmane – GTRE) D/C Line between Tower number 5 & 6 in Jagdeeshnagar by proving an intermediate tower (66kV DD plus 0, NBT, KPTCL Design) in TLM Sub-Division Hoody .

VI. No.SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(2)/25-26/1665-67 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-15, Call-7, Dated 01.10.2024 for increasing the Vertical Clearance by Providing intermediate tower in existing corridor of 66kV DG-3 & DG-4 D/C Lines between Tower number 70 & 72 by providing 1 No of new proposed 110kV DA+3, NBT, KPTCL Design Tower near Hirandanahalli Lake in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

VII. No.SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(1)/24-25/1668-70 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/24-25/EPR-83, Call-5 Dated:12.02.2025 for increasing Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV Hebbala – ITI DC line to Pottery Road S/s passing near St. Charles School between tower no.22 & 23 in St. Thomas Town, HBR Layout Bengaluru by Providing 02 No of 66kV DD plus 6 NBT KPTCL design tower, pertaining to TLM Hoody.

VIII. No.SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(05)/25-26/1674-76 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/25-26/EPR-03, Call-2, Dated 17.05.2025 for increasing the Vertical Clearance of existing 66kV Hoody-BWTC-1&2 D/C Line between Tower number 9 & 10 by providing 2 No's of new Proposed Intermediate towers of 110kV, DD+3, NBT, KPTCL Design Tower & 110kV, DD+0, NBT, KPTCL Design Towers in Garudacharpalya Mahadevpura limits in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

IX. No.SEE/Tr(Op)/Circle-South/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-180(06)/25-26/1677-79 **Date : 18-07-2025**

Bid enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(Op)/South-Circle/EE(O)/AEE-1/25-26/EPR-02, Call-2 Dated 17.05.2025 for Re-arrangement / Shifting of existing 66kV DC Line Hoody-Pottery Road (Hoskote - 1), Hoody - Hoskote (Hoskote - 2) from existing 66kV T.No 14 to T.No 18 in Avalahalli and Medahalli Village (Yellamma Lake) in TLM Sub-Division Hoody.

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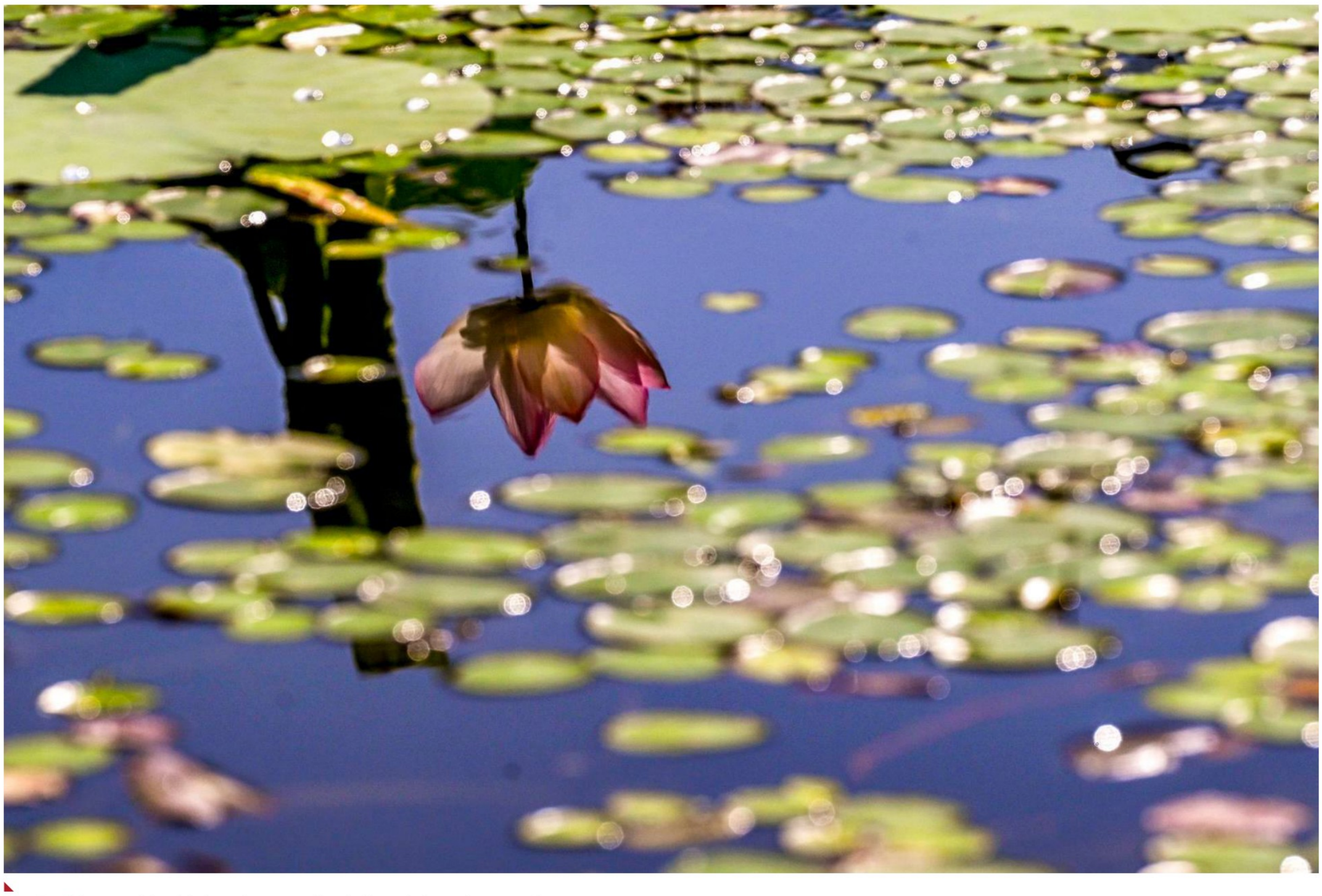
Lakeside life: Women gathering water chestnuts. Lotus flowers and stems, chestnuts and fish from the lake benefit the local community.

Heap of feed: A man on a boat transports a pile of weed from the lake. Farmers use the weed as cattle fodder.



Blurred yet distinct: Revived through desilting and conservation efforts, the lake now has lotuses along vast stretches.

Sight to behold: With mountains and vast stretches of largely unblemished nature all around, Wular lake is a picture-perfect locale. It is a sprawling lake, but the area fluctuates seasonally.

Little flowers: A girl poses with a lotus from the lake. The stem of the plant is an important part of Kashmiri cuisine and is used by people in various traditional dishes.

An initiative to bring mental health conversations into the open

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To reduce stigma and foster emotional well-being by bringing mental health conversations into the open and public spaces, the Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS launched a unique initiative on Saturday.

Director of NIMHANS Pratima Murthy interacting with students at Lalbagh on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The public engagement initiative "Community Connect", being organised in collaboration with the Departments of Psychiatric Social Work and Clinical Pharmacology and Neurotoxicology at NIMHANS and the Horticulture Department, was inaugurated by NIMHANS director Pratima Murthy at Lalbagh Botanical Gardens.

The event marked the beginning of a series of 12 events that will be held once a month at Lalbagh, said K.S. Meena, professor and head of the Department of Mental Health Education. Each edition will focus on themes like resilience, empathy, help-seeking behaviour, coping skills, and more – making mental health a visible, regular, and normalised part of public life, she said.

"We will have one mental health expert from NIMHANS speak at the monthly events to reduce stigma and foster emotional well-being," she said.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Murthy said there is a need to take mental health conversations outside hospital walls to the public spaces where people gather, reflect, and connect. "Community Connect is about creating informal, welcoming spaces where individuals feel safe to speak, share, and listen without fear of judgment," she said.

Around 100 participants participated in open discussions and shared reflections on emotional well-being, coping mechanisms, and the value of community support.

"The mind is like a pressure cooker. We must allow safe outlets for feelings, thoughts, and behaviours," said Dr. Murthy, highlighting the importance of lifestyle changes, journaling, physical exercise, and creative expression in maintaining mental well-being.

She also emphasised the importance of sleep hygiene, time management, self-affirmation, and seeking professional support when needed. "Sleep is not a luxury - it is a necessity. Regulating our sleep, managing our time, and caring for ourselves allows us to care for others."

The event touched upon the role of family and friends in mental health, the influence of media and movies, and the need to counter self-labelling and stigma.

World Snake Day celebrated

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Bannerghatta Biological Park, in collaboration with Bannerghatta National Park, Kalinga Foundation, Postcrossing Welfare Society of India, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC), and RoundGlass Sustain, celebrated World Snake Day on Wednesday.

Sandesh Mahadevappa, Director of Postal Services, Headquarters, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru, attended the event as the chief guest.

Priyanka Swamy from the Kalinga Foundation and staff from WRRC conducted awareness sessions on the conservation and protection of snakes.

Over 300 students from various schools and colleges participated in the celebrations.

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'Conviction rates in domestic violence cases low in city'

Despite the alarming numbers, the number of legal service clinics and the beneficiaries of such services have also declined over the years

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A report by women's rights organisation Aweksha has found that spousal violence doubled in Karnataka between 2015-16 and 2019-21, and conviction rates in related cases are abysmally low in Bengaluru.

Presenting the findings: Dignitaries at the launch of a report by women's rights organisation Aweksha on domestic violence, in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Abysmally low

"Despite having a high charge sheeting rate, and low rate of false and mistake of fact/law/civil dispute cases, the conviction rates stood at 2.38% (for IPC 306), 6.45% (for IPC 304B), 1.08% (for IPC 498A), and 0.73% for Dowry Prohibition Act in Bengaluru which is abysmally low when compared to the conviction rate at the all-India level," reads the report titled 'Law and its Limitations: An empirical study on domestic violence and marital cruelty'.

IPC 306 dealt with the offence of abetment of suicide, IPC 304B with dowry death, and IPC 498A with cruelty to a woman by her husband or his relatives, before being replaced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita in 2024.

High bail rate

The study, written by Bindu Doddahatti and Pragya Solanki, also sheds light on the high percentage of bail granted to persons arrested under domestic violence-related sections.

"The percentage of arrested persons getting bail is 97.8%, 98.18%, 0.63%, and 98.07% for cases filed under Sections 498A, 306, 304B, and the Dowry Prohibition Act, respectively, in Bengaluru," it noted.

According to the report, data collected from the Halasuru police sub-division showed that anticipatory bail was granted to at least one of the accused in 72.5% of cases filed under domestic violence related sections.

Diminishing legal aid

In Bengaluru, housewives constituted 51.36% of female suicide victims from 2017 to 2022, notes the study. It also shows that a majority of the persons arrested in the city under domestic violence-related sections during the study period were men in the age group of 30-45.

Survivors of domestic violence, however, are opting for civil law more than criminal law, it finds.

"We are told that women are misusing the law, a claim that is not only exaggerated, but also takes away from the fact that far more women are dying in silence than speaking up," said Donna Fernandes, founder of Aweksha, during the launch of the report.

Despite the alarming numbers, the number of legal service clinics and beneficiaries of legal services have declined over the years.

"Mediation centres have many pending cases (30.82% in 2022). Moreover, only 20.2% of all cases that were disposed of at the mediation centres in Karnataka from 2017 to 2022 were settled," it notes.

The report also highlights that there is no publicly available data on the appointment of dowry prohibition officers in Karnataka.

Recommendations

Among other recommendations, the report suggests that the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority should maintain detailed data on the services being provided by legal services authorities and outcome of the cases in which advice or aid was taken from LSCs.

"The functioning of LSCs in rural vis-a-vis urban areas is also missing. Moreover, data on the socio-economic locations of beneficiaries, such as rural-urban divide, gender (including data on LGBTQIA+ individuals), caste, class, religion and education levels would be useful for undertaking an inter-sectional analysis in future studies on gender-based violence and the role of KSLSA," it notes.

Fact sheet

Percentage of people in Bengaluru who got bail for cases under
- IPC 498 A - **97.8%**
- IPC 306 - **98.18%**
- IPC 304B - **90.63%**
- Dowry Prohibition (DP) Act - **98.07%**

Cases closed as 'mistake of fact/law/civil dispute' in Bengaluru
- <1% for cases under 306, 304B and DP Act
- <2% for cases under 498A

Conviction rates in Bengaluru
- 2.38% for IPC 306
- 6.45% for 304B
- 1.08% for 498A
- 0.73% for DP Act

52.54% of all female suicide victims in India in 2022 were housewives

Accidental fires constitute 28.35% of the total unnatural accidental deaths of women in Bengaluru

My responsibility is to strengthen judiciary: Chief Justice Bakhru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Vibhu Bakhru, the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, on Saturday, said it was his responsibility to strengthen the judiciary the way it serves the people better, along with protecting independence of the institution.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot greeting Vibhu Bakhru, the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is seen.

"As Chief Justice, I view it as my responsibility not only to protect the independence of the judiciary but also to strengthen the institution the way it serves the people better, to reduce delay, and to enhance access to embrace technology without losing the human touch, to ensure that our courts are safe, includes spaces for all, specially marginalised...," he said in his response to the customary welcome offered to him by the Full Court of the Karnataka High Court and the Karnataka State Bar Council.

Earlier, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office to Chief Justice Bakhru at the Raj Bhavan, which was attended by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti.

Stating that the judges' sworn allegiance is to the Constitution of India, Chief Justice Bakhru said that the Constitution and the freedom that it guarantees would not be sustainable if the institutions, on which it rests, are weak.

"While we take inspiration from B.R. Ambedkar, whose commitment to social justice and constitutional values remains our guiding light, in Sir M. Visvesvaraiah, we were reminded that public service, whether in engineering, governance, and law, demands discipline, excellence, and integrity," Chief Justice Bakhru said.

Born in Nagpur in 1966, Chief Justice Bakhru had his education in Delhi where he secured BCom, Chartered Accountancy, and LL.B degrees and enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1990. After extensive practice in law, he was elevated as an additional judge of the High Court of Delhi on April 17, 2013, and as a permanent judge on March 18, 2015. He had served as acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi between December 5, 2024 and January 21, 2025.

Transferred judges

Meanwhile, Justice Jayant Banerji, who was serving as a judge of the Allahabad High Court since September 22, 2017, took oath as a judge of the High Court of Karnataka. Also, Justice D.K. Singh took oath as a judge on his transfer from Kerala.

After the oath-taking and welcoming ceremonies, the High Court of Karnataka on Saturday bid a farewell to Justice V. Kameswar Rao, who has been repatriated to the High Court of Delhi. He served as acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka from May 30 to July 18.

Capacity building programme

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Bengaluru Branch Office, organised a capacity building programme for officials from the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka.

The initiative aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of quality and safety standards in women and child care services.

Timings
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MONDAY, JUL. 21			
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RISE	02:12	SET	15:38
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RISE	06:03	SET	18:49
RISE	03:12	SET	16:42

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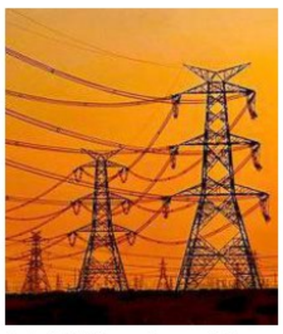
Proposal to increase industrial, commercial electricity tariff in State

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

The government has filed a petition before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) to reduce the tariff on LT 4(a) – the irrigation pumpset category – and increase the tariff for industrial and commercial consumers to fill the revenue gap of ₹4,620 crore.

The revenue gap occurs at the electricity supply company (Bescom) level when there is a deficit between the tariff collected and the expenditure, including power purchase cost, that is incurred. The commission has admitted the review petition.

In this year's (FY 2025 - 26) Budget, the State government had announced a subsidy of ₹16,021 crore for IP sets, and ₹10,101 crore for Gruha Jyothi scheme. However, in the tariff order passed for this year, KERC stated that the subsidy required to provide free power for IP sets is ₹20,095.44 crore.



Industrialists and experts from the power sector argue that the KERC should not have admitted the review petition. FILE PHOTO

In the petition, the government has also stated that in addition to the subsidy amount of ₹16,021 crore announced in the Budget, the government will release an additional subsidy of ₹2,362.47 crore to mitigate the overall shortfall in revenue.

Industrialists and experts from the power sector argued that the KERC should not have admitted the review petition, as it did not have the necessary criteria.

"A review petition under the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC) is a mechanism for a court to reconsider its own judgment or order. This is typically done when there is a mistake or error apparent on the face of the record, new and important evidence is discovered, or another sufficient reason exists," said M.G. Prabhakar, former advisory member, KERC.

"When the government itself is appealing, we can admit the petition. We have now directed Escoms to publish newspaper advertisements and hold public hearings on the matter. We will take a decision based on the recommendations of all stakeholders," P. Ravikumar, KERC Chairman, told *The Hindu*.

Industrialists, who have already been burdened by a plethora of cess, are dreading an increase in tariff, especially since the recent tariff petition is a multi-year tariff petition.

Shiva Kumar R., former president of Peenya Industries Association (PIA), said, "Industries are already in dire straits. The government wants us to increase minimum wage. They have already imposed a tariff of 36 paise per unit for this year to cover the pension and gratuity of Escom employees. We are also paying solid waste management (SWM) cess. Instead of burdening us so much, if industries are encouraged, then economic activity and employment generation will increase. Otherwise, how are micro and small-scale industries supposed to operate?

"We strongly oppose this petition. We will definitely file our objections when a public hearing is called," he added.

For FY 2025-26, the energy charges for industrial consumers are ₹6.60 per unit, and for commercial consumers, it is ₹5.95 per unit. The energy charges for both these categories were reduced in the tariff order, while the charges for the LT 4(a) category went up from ₹5.65 per unit to ₹8.30 per unit.

Bank of Baroda
Bidadi Branch
Regional Office Mandya, 1st Floor, Makam Towers, 2nd Main Vivekananda Road, Ashoknagar, Mandya-571401, Tel: 91(8232)-220577. www.bankofbaroda.in

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, he debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor: **Mr. Ajit Sahu** S/o Mr. Indrajeet Sahu, R/o Ground Floor, No. 15, Paramount Samadhura Serene, Hosur Road, Singasandra, Near Manipal County, Bangalore South, Bangalore -560068.

Nature and type of facility	Limit	ROI as on 16.07.2025	Liability as on 15.07.2025
HOUSING LOAN 67350600006804	Rs. 72,00,000/-	7.60 %	Rs.62,55,631/- (Outstanding as on 16/07/2025) + Interest From 17/07/2025 + Any other charges

Security agreement with brief description of securities: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing western portion of site number 6, Assessment number 67/2, property number 67/2, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 19 Feet & North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 1140 Sq Feet bounded on: East by: Remaining Portion of the Same site. West by: Site number 7. North by: Road. South by: Private Property.

Amount Outstanding: Rs. 62,55,631/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty One only) (Outstanding as on **15/07/2025**)+ Interest From **16/07/2025** + Any other charges

NPA Date : 09.07.2025 **Demand Date : 16.07.2025**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 16.07.2025 **Sd/- Chief Manager**
Place : Mandya **Bank of Baroda**

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **17.05.2025** calling upon the borrowers: **(1) Rheotech Foundry Private Limited** Plot 67-D, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluku- 560099 **(2). Muthuswamy Thangapandian** 28, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Green Park Layout, Dodda Banaswadi, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore North-560043 **(3).Thangamari** 28, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Green Park Layout, Dodda Banaswadi, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore North- 560043 **(4)Gobinath T** 28,1st Main, Ramamurthynagar, Main Road Green Park Layout, Doddabanaswadi-560043 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,51,33,603.69 (Rupees One Crore Fifty-One Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Three and Paisa Sixty Nine Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Even though the borrower having failed to repay the amount, the account is left with a balance of **Rs. 1,59,45,231.48/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Fourty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One and Paisa Fourty Eight only) as on 17.07.2025.** The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th day of July of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 1,59,45,231.48/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Fourty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One and Paisa Fourty Eight only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule-A : All that piece and parcel of residential house bearing House List No.311 out of property no. 34/3, old no.2/263, Municipal Corporation No.28, named as "Ramus Muthu" situated at 1st cross road Green Park Layout, Banaswadi K R Puram Hobli, adjacent to Ramamurthynagar Main Road, Bangalore East Taluk BBMP ward no.88 PID no. 88-80-28, Bangalore-560043, along with ground floor and first floor of constructed area, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South:40 feet, in all measuring 2400 sq.ft. land and bounded by : EAST BY: Residential Premises bearing no. 27(old house list no. 311) belonging to Sri Prakash Lobo Prabhu, WEST BY: Residential Premises bearing no. 29(old house list no. 311) belonging to Smt S Saroja, NORTH BY: 1st Cross Road (Green Park Layout), SOUTH BY: Residential Premises bearing no. 29(old house list no. 311) belonging to Smt Nancy Guru Singh and No.30 belonging to Sri T V Rajaram.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 18.07.2025 **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

Canara Bank Wilson Garden Branch,
#376/21, T V Plaza, H Siddaiah Road,
Wilson Garden-560027 Telephone numbers :
080-22236895. Email: cb10419@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : M/S. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
Represented by Directors Mr.SMANJUNATH REDDY and
MR. CHETHAN KUMAR.
NO 42, OLD NO 407,8TH B MAIN ROAD, JAYANAGAR 3RD BLOCK
BANGALORE SOUTH - 560011
And having Registered office at : 106/A, 4th Cross, 5th Block,
Koramangala, Behind Raheja Arcade, Bangalore -560095
2) MR.S MANJUNATH REDDY (Director and Guarantor)
Director of M/S. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
S/O SHANKAR REDDY
NO 8,4TH CROSS, 8TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR 2ND BLOCK ,BANGALORE SOUTH - 560011
3) MR. CHETHAN KUMAR
Director of M/S. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
RESIDING AT C/O S VISWANATHA SHETTY
WARD NO 16, SRINIVASAM, 2ND STAGE, 4TH CROSS, NEAR RAGHAVENDRA TALKIES AGADI COM, BELLARI, KARNATAKA-583101
4) SMT. BHAGYALAKSHMI (Guarantor)
W/O SRI. KRISHNA MURTHY T V
15, SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESHWARA NILAYA, 1ST MAIN ROAD, RANGANATAHAPURA, KAMAKSHIPALYA, BASAVESHWARANAGAR 560079.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank Bengaluru Wilson Garden Branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 , (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/s. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED** (hereinafter referred to as **"the Borrower"1**) represented by Director/Directors **Mr.S Manjunath Reddy and Mr.Chethan Kumarhas** availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

That **Mr. S Manjunath Reddy** and **Smt. Bhagyalakshmi** (hereinafter referred to as the Guarantor") has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs. **3,50,00,000**/- (**Rupees Three Crore Fifty Lakhs only**), with interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **27.06.2025** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.**

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of to Rs.**2,64,70,782.62(Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and Paisa Sixty Two only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE –A
Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan / Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)
1.	170012108091	Term Loan	31.01.2024	Rs.350.00 Lac

SCHEDULE –B

Details of Security Assets

SL N	Movable	Name of Title holder
1.	Hypothecation of Furniture and Fixtures	M/s M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED

Details of Immovable Assets

SL N	Immovable	Name of the title holder
1.	**Details of Security Assets** : All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.128/1,Khatha No.123, presentlyPattanagere/Rajarajeshwari Nagar CMC Khatha No.152/128/1 situated at Pattanagere Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 88 Feet and North to South 40Feet totally measuring 3250Sq Ft. bounded as follows: **East By** : Muthaiah 's House, **West By** : Road, **North By :** Private Property, And **South By :** Galaiah's Property.	Smt. Bhagyalakshmi

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on date 30.06.2025

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan / Limit	Liability with interest as on 30.06.2025	RATE OF INTEREST
1.	170012108091	Term Loan	Rs.2,64,70,782.62	10.90%

Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Date : 19.07.2025 **Canara Bank**

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking
ARM– II Branch, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181, E-mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12.08.2025, 01:00 pm to 03.00 pm . [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **11.08.2025.**

Sl. No.	Borrower and Guarantor Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price & EMD
1	**(1) Ms. Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd,** No.1/4, Unit No. F-2,2nd Floor, 10th Cross, 4th Main Rd, M C Layout, Bengaluru-560040, **Also At: Ms. Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd,** No.236, EWS, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, KHB Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore-560079, **(2) G.Jayaramaiah** S/o Giriyappa, No 236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage 2nd Main, K.H.B.Colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079 **(2) Mr.Shivakumar S/o Giriyappa,** No. 236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main, K.H.B.Colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, **Also At: Mr.Shivakumar** S/o Giriyappa, No. 147, 4th Cross, Jothinagar, Chandra Layoutbangalore-560072.	**Rs. 39,19,20,466.44 (Rupees Thirty Nine Crore Nineteen lakhs Twenty thousand Four hundred Sixty Six and Forty Four Paisa only) as on 17.07.2025 plus further interest thereon**	**Vacant site nos 191,199,200-202, ,243,255,258, ,286, ,290-304 , (Total 26 sites) located at Sunnagatta Kasaba Hobli,Neelasandra,Channapatna Taluk,Ramanagar Dist.	**Rs. 9,83,76,000.00 EMD: Rs.98,37,600.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 191, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/191 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as follows: East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.190, South by: Site No.192	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 199, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/199 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as follows:East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.198, South by: Site No.200	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 200, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/200 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as follows: East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.199South by: Site No.201	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 201, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/201 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 60 ft and bounded as follows:East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand North by: Site No.200, South by: 20 ft. Road	**Rs. 65,09,000.00 EMD: Rs.6,50,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 202, Kaneshumari No.304/202 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 27 ft and North South 60 ft and bounded as follows: East by : Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, West by : Road, North by: Site No.203 South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand	**Rs. 29,29,000.00 EMD: Rs.2,92,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 243, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/243 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by : Site No. 242, West by : 20 ft. Road, North by: Site No.204, South by: Remaining portion of property	**Rs. 21,70,000.00 EMD: Rs.2,17,000.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 255, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/255 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as follows:East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra and Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.254, South by: Site No. 256	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 258, formed in Sy No 125/1,124/3 and 124/2 Kaneshumari No.304/258 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows:East by : 20 ft. Road, West by : Property of Subhadra and Gouthamchand, North by: SiteNo.257, South by: Remaining portion of the property	**Rs. 32,55,000.00 EMD: Rs.3,25,500.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 286, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari No.305/286 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 24 ft and North South (52+55)/2 ft and bounded as follows:East by : Site No. 22,West by : Site no.287, North by: Property of Jayaramu and sites of Tahsildar Office, South by: Road	**Rs. 23,22,000.00 EMD: 2,32,200.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 290, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari No.305/290 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasandra Grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 41 ½ ft and North South 57, towards west 60 ft (41 ½ *(57+60)/2) and bounded as follows: East by : Site No. 289, West by : Site no.291, North by: Property of Jayaramu and sites of Tahsildar Office, South by: Road	**Rs. 43,90,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,39,000.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.291, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/291 situated at Sunnaghatta village, NeelaSandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk,Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows: East by: Site no 290, West by: Site no 292, North by: Sites of Tahsildar Office, South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.292, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/292 situated at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 291,West by: Site no 293, North by: Property of Jayaramu and Sites of Tahsildar Office, South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.293, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/293 situated at unnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat,Kasabaa Hobli,Channapattana Taluk,Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 29, West by: Site no 294, North by: Property of Jayaramu and Sites Tahsildar Office, South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.294, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/294 situated at Sunnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat,Kasabaa Hobli,Channapattana Taluk,Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 293, West by: Site no 295, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.295, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/295 at Sunnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 294,West by: Site no 296, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.296, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/296 situated at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 295, West by: Site no 297, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.297, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/297 situated at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 296, West by: Site no 298, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.298, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/298 situated at Sunnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 297, West by: Site no 299, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.299, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/299 situated at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 298, West by: Site no 300, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no. 300, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/300 at Sunnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 299, West by: Site no 301, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.301, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/301 situated at Sunnaghatta village,Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 300, West by: Site no 302, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site no.302, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/302 at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat,Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Site no 301, West by: Site no 303, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site no.303, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/303 at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli,Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as followsEast by: Site no 302, West by: Property of Sheshanna,Gangadhar, North by: Property of Jayaramu , South by: Road	**Rs. 43,39,000.00 EMD: Rs. 4,33,900.00**
			All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing plot no.304, formed in Sy No 124/2 Kaneshumari no 305/304 at Sunnaghatta village, Neelasandra grama panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring east to West 28 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded as follows East by: Private Property, West by: Site no 305, North by: Road , South by: Property of Puttaswamy	**Rs. 30,38,000.00 EMD: Rs. 3,03,800.00**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.in/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer **(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **11.08.2025,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii.) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.(iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.in/and** get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.50,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)**The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. **(h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs** (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. **(i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.

For further details contact Authorised officer, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9993777728, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181 during office hours on any working day) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(Baanknet) - e- mail: e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 19.07.2025 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

Reflections: A woman walks past a puddle on the footpath in front of the Vidhana Soudha after a spell of rain in Bengaluru on Saturday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

IMD issues red alert for coastal Karnataka today

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued red alert to the coastal Karnataka, as gusty winds are likely to occur in the coastal belt during the 24-hour period starting 8.30 a.m. on Sunday.

The IMD also issued orange alert to the three coastal districts, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada, from July 21 to 26.

Dakshina Kannada recorded 28 mm rainfall in 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. The cumulative rainfall recorded till date in the district since January 1 was at 2,911 mm, as against the normal rainfall of 1,930 mm during the period.

Schools closed
Schools and Pre-University colleges remained closed on Saturday in Mangaluru, Bantwal, and Ullal taluks. The Mangaluru taluk recorded the maximum rainfall of 55.4 mm, followed by Ullal with 48.1 mm, Bantwal with 43.1 mm, Puttur 32.6 mm, Sullia 31 mm, Mulki 28.5, Kadaba 26.6 mm, Moodbidri 21.9 mm, and Belthangady 8.5 mm.

Damaged
The District Disaster Management Authority said 22 electricity poles and 1.1-km-long power supply lines were damaged in the district in 24 hours. The Udupi district received 28.4 mm rainfall in the 24-hour period. Kaup taluk recorded the maximum of 50.5 mm rainfall, followed by 37.3 mm in Udupi, 32.7 mm in Hebri, 30.6 mm in Karkala, 29.1 mm in Byndoor, 26.4 mm in Brahmavar, and 16.8 mm in Kundapura taluks. Three houses in Kapu taluk and one house in Kundapura taluk suffered minor damages, said a report.

Forecast for Bengaluru
Meanwhile, the IMD has forecast generally cloudy sky with light rain for Bengaluru for the next three days.

BAMUL to open Nandini parlours near metro stations

A file photo of a Nandini booth at Rajarajeshwarinagar.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In June, KMF was instructed to submit applications to a tender to open Nandini outlets in metro stations

To provide a push to the 'Nandini' brand, D.K. Suresh, president of Bangalore Milk Union Ltd. (BAMUL), met with senior officials of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Friday, requesting them to provide space to put up Nandini parlours near metro stations.

To expand network
"With the aim of expanding the sales network of Nandini milk and dairy products, a request was submitted to grant space for constructing Nandini parlours in the open vacant areas belonging to the department in front of metro stations to sell the products," Mr. Suresh said on social media platform X.

Sources in the BMRCL said that while the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will set up Nandini parlours in six metro stations, BAMUL has also been asked to identify the other stations where they would want to set up the parlours.

Previously, in June, the KMF was instructed by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to submit applications to a tender called by BMRCL to open Nandini outlets in metro stations after the government was blamed by the Opposition for favouring Amul over Nandini.

Amul was the lone applicant for BMRCL's tender and was allowed to open its outlets in 10 metro stations.

Department to soon launch waterfall tours

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

To encourage responsible and safe monsoon tourism, the State Department of Tourism and Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) plans to curate 'waterfalls tour' packages. While the tours were initially planned to be launched in July, due to the high intensity of monsoon, it is likely to be launched by the end of August or beginning of September.

"We have some hidden gems in our tourist destinations, including nature trails and waterfalls apart from the already well-known ones like Jog Falls and Gokak Falls. We have already identified such destinations, and we want to create a circuit around the same," K.V. Rajendra, director, Tourism Department and managing director of KSTDC told *The Hindu*.

The destinations have been identified in the districts of Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Kodagu, and Belagavi. Tourists can choose to either integrate these destinations into the already existing packages of KSTDC or get a customised waterfalls itinerary.

Attractions: A file photo of Jog Falls. The destinations have been identified in Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Kodagu, and Belagavi districts. FILE PHOTO

For bigger groups
Those who would like to travel in bigger groups can utilise KSTDC buses for these tours. The services of local guides and naturalists will also be included in the packages.

While there is currently no direct option available to book the tours, interested travellers can book them by sending an email found on the enquiry section of KSTDC website. Many who tried to explore unknown destinations during this year's monsoon got stuck in remote areas as weather conditions worsened, the officials said. "We decided to postpone the launch of these tours while we wait for the intensity of monsoons to reduce. Places like Dakshina Kannada and Sakleshpura in Hassan district are prone to landslides, and it will be dangerous to travel during those times. Our goal is to promote responsible tourism and ensure the safety of tourists," Mr. Rajendra said. "The destinations we have selected will have an after-rain effect in the upcoming months, providing beautiful scenery to tourists. Our waterfalls are usually full until December-January. That is why we did not want to conduct the tours at a time when the monsoon is heavy, nor during times when the water bodies are dry," he noted. KSTDC currently conducts similar tours to popular destinations. This includes the Krishnagiri Dam - Hogenakkal Falls Tour, Shivanasamudra - Talakadu and Sigandhur - Jog Falls Tour.

Online vehicular slot system for Mullayanagiri

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To regulate the number of visitors and vehicles that ply in the area around Mullayanagiri, the highest peak in Karnataka, located in Chikkamagaluru district, the district administration will introduce an online vehicular slot system in the upcoming week. Although the system was announced last year, it will be launched in a few days.

A total of 1,200 vehicles will be allowed in two slots (600 vehicles in each slot) – 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. every day, for which prior booking has to be made online, the officials said.

The parking facilities for these vehicles will be provided near Seethalayyanagiri, and from there, those who wish to proceed to the peak can take pre-approved vehicles or go on foot. "If this model works, then we will replicate it in all the other hill stations that come under the Tourism Department, including Nandi Hills," said Salma Fahim, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department.

New academic batch inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BMS College of Commerce and Management (BMSCCM) inaugurated its new academic batch with a formal ceremony attended by over 600 participants, including students, parents, faculty, and guests.

Subramanyam Sharma, managing director of Sudeeksha Group, was chief guest. Mr. Sharma addressed the students with a message on self-belief and encouraged them to pursue leadership with conviction.

Aviram Sharma, chairman of BMSCCM and trustee of BMS Educational Trust, presided over the ceremony. Mr. Sharma emphasised the college's growth since 1946, stating that the institution currently has over 25,000 students and aims to reach 30,000 by 2026. Pankaj Choudhary, principal, BMSCCM welcomed the audience and outlined the college's academic goals.

Panchamasali trust to choose new seer

'Members of the community are fed up with the behaviour of Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami. We will not tell the incumbent seer to vacate the peetha and leave the mutt, but will be happy if he goes on his own'

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

MLA for Hungund and chairman of Akhila Bharat Lingayat Panchamasali Samaj Trust Vijayanand Kashappanavar addressing presspersons in Hubballi on Saturday. KIRAN BAKALE

The rift between the incumbent seer of the Panchamasali Peetha at Kudalasangama and the Panchamasali samaj trust has reached its pinnacle with the trust deciding to choose a new seer to the Panchamasali religious chair.

Addressing presspersons in Hubballi on Saturday, chairman of Akhila Bharat Lingayat Panchamasali Samaj Trust and MLA for Hungund Vijayanand Kashappanavar announced that the trust had decided to anoint a new seer to the Panchamasali peetha and it would be appropriate if the incumbent seer Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami vacated the religious chair on his own.

"Members of the Panchamasali community are fed up with the behaviour and conduct of Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami. Elders of the community, leaders, and legislators have held meetings in this regard and have discussed the need for choosing a new seer. Arrangements in this regard are also being made. We will not tell the incumbent seer to vacate the peetha and leave the mutt. We will be happy if he goes on his own," Mr. Kashappanavar said.

He said that the trust was formed in 2008 and Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami was made the head of Panchamasali Peetha at Koodalasangama. "However over a period of time, changes were seen in the conduct of the seer, who was expected to work for the proliferation of Basava philosophy and welfare of the community. Forgetting the objective of the peetha, he started chairing meetings under banners of political parties, making transfer recommendations, and speaking on behalf of one particular individual. Instead of being present at the mutt and spreading the message of Basavanna, he has been moving from one place to another and speaking on social media for publicity," he said.

Mr. Kashappanavar said that as per the bylaw of the trust, the seer was not supposed to acquire properties in his name. "However, he has two houses in Belagavi, one each in Hubballi and Bengaluru in his name. This apart, the seer has said that he would build another mutt on the banks of the Malaprabha and build an institution for education of poor children of the community. All these are contrary to the bylaws of the trust. We are caretakers of the trust and had anointed the seer to lead the peetha," he clarified.

He said that during 2019, the seer was issued a notice after he took steps contrary to the trust bylaws and he had given an undertaking that he would rectify his mistakes. In spite of that he was constantly on the move and was not available to devotees for 'darshana'.

"Regarding his visit to the mutt, the seer had not contacted me. At his instigation a few persons entered the mutt after breaking open the gate. A case has been registered in this regard. Misunderstanding the act of locking the gate of the mutt for safety reasons, the seer was making allegations," he said.

On the Panchamasali seer's hospitalisation, Mr. Kashappanavar said that it could be an act of publicity.

Five held for murdering rowdy in Annasandrapalya

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The HAL police have arrested a 25-year-old habitual offender along with four of his associates for allegedly hacking his friend-turned-foe to death in Annasandrapalya on June 18. The deceased, Mohammed Nayeen, had multiple cases pending against him, and was staying in Kengeri. He worked at a chicken stall, and had come to meet his relative in Annasandrapalya.

The victim, who had allegedly assaulted the prime accused Shafiq T.S. in 2012, was returning home on a motorcycle when he was reportedly confronted by Shafiq and his associates. After the victim shifted his base to Kengeri, Shafiq was waiting for an opportunity to take revenge, the police said.

On June 18, Shafiq and his associates allegedly chased down and attacked the victim with lethal weapons. The severely injured victim was admitted to a private hospital, where he succumbed on July 5.

Based on a complaint filed by the deceased's father, the police tracked down Shafiq along with his associates Saddam Hussain, 27, Yatish Pushparaj, 29, Irfan Pasha, 27, and Imran Khan, 26. The accused were produced before the court and remanded in judicial custody.

Man arrested at Bengaluru airport, cocaine worth ₹40 crore recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Acting on a specific tip-off, officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on Saturday arrested a man at the Kempegowda International Airport, and recovered 4 kg of cocaine worth ₹40 crore. The man is suspected to be a mule and was held as soon as he arrived from Doha at the city airport in the early hours of Friday.

Officers found superhero comics and magazines from his luggage, which seemed unusually heavy. On careful examination, a white powder concealed inside the magazines was recovered, which tested positive for cocaine.

The cocaine, weighing over 4 kg, and having an international market value of around ₹40 crore was seized under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
SCB MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CUTTACK, GOVT. OF ODISHA
Mail id : scbsuperintendent@gmail.com; Phone No. : 0671-2414080

TENDER CALL NOTICE No. 16486, Dt. 17.07.2025

Sealed Tenders in proforma provided are invited from intending Manufacturers / Distributors/ Stockiest/ Wholesaler for supply of medicine, implants, disposables and medical consumable to SCB MCH, Cuttack as per timely requirement of the hospital which will be valid for a period of two years from the date of approval. The tenders should be reached in the office of the undersigned latest by **22.08.2025 by 5 PM** on registered post/ speed post/ courier service which will be opened on **25.08.2025 at 5.00 PM** in the office chamber of the Superintendent, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.

The tender paper and other set of terms and condition can be obtained from the website of SCB MCH, Cuttack i.e.**www.scbmch.in.**

Medical Superintendent
SCB Medical College Hospital, Cuttack

E-241: OIPR-10186/11/0040/2526

By E-Mail/e-Despatch E_Mail ID:- serwcbaripada@gmail.com ; Ph.No. 06792-261343 / 261344
Gangraj, Baripada
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Works
Identification No.- Online Tender-Bridge N.C.B. No.382 for 2025-26
Letter No. 2930 / Date : 19.7.2025 //

1. Name of the Work : Bridge works under SBY in the District of Mayurbhanj
2. Total No. of Work : 03 Nos (Three)
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.400.05 lakhs & Rs.463.61 lakhs (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada.	Bridge On-line N.C.B. No. 382	Dt.23.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.06.08.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.05.08.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.07.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in
- Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.

Sd/- Er.A.K.Naik, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Baripada.
O-463 : OIPR-25130/11/0043/2526

ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR- 751002.
Tel-MD 0674- 2340573, E-Mail: mdosscltd456@gmail.com
NIT No.OSSC/Mktg(Hort)-39/2025
e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Dragon Fruit Planting Materials (Stem cutting) for the Year-2025-26

OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender from Producers/Licensed suppliers only on item wise rate contract basis for Procurement of **Dragon Fruit Planting Materials (Stem cutting) for the Year-2025-26** in double cover system through online mode only for the work below.

Name of the work	Purchase of Dragon Fruit Planting Materials (Stem cutting) for the Year 2025-26.
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in portal	15 hours on dt.22.07.2025 to 17 hours of dt.11.08.2025
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17 hours of dt.11.08.2025
Date and time of Opening of Bid	10.30 hours of dt.12.08.2025

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website.

CAD-1197: Sd/- Managing Director, OSSC Ltd.
OIPR-01045/11/0076/2526

Govt. of Karnataka
Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru
(An Organisation of Government of Karnataka)
No.8, MSB-1, 6th & 7th Floor, Karnataka Marketing Federation Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052.
No: KREIS/INFR/OTH/146/2024-ADMN/E-163845 Date: 19.07.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Only)

Tenders have been invited on 19.07.2025 for **Supply of Towels to Residential Schools functioning under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society across Karnataka,** through e-Portal vide Indent No. **KREIS/2025-26/ IND0086** and the last date for receipt of tenders is **19.08.2025.** The details may be viewed in the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website.

Sd/- Joint Director (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority, KREIS
DIPR/CP/YC/1932/2025-26

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No.06/2025-26 KW-4 (TWO COVER SYSTEM) KPP Portal DATE :15.07.2025
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFFICATION No;06/ 2025-26 Dated 15.07.2025

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "KPPP" Portal tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A: PMKSY-HKKP-SMI, 4702-A&P Pradhana and 4702-MOT Pradhana works from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. Tender publishing details are as given below.

1. Tender will be published through KPP Portal on: Dated: 15-07-2025 at 16.00 Hours. 2. Last date of queries (Pre Bid) on Dated: 21-07-2025 at 11.30 Hours. 3. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through KPP portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: 31-07-2025. 4. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: 01-08-2025 at 17.05 Hours. 5. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: 02-08-2025 at 17.10 Hours.

For further details, visit Kpp portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/203/KSMCA/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (DIMHANS)
(An Autonomous Institution of Govt of Karnataka)
Belagavi Road, Dharwad-580008, Karnataka
Off: 0836 - 2447055. e-mail: director.dimhans@yahoo.com
Website: http://dimhans.karnataka.gov.in
No:DIMHANS/Recruitment/EST/94/2025-26 Date: 19.07.2025
NOTIFICAITON

Applications for the posts of **(Part-A)-01 Assistant Professor of Medicine (MD/DNB), 01-Statistician and (Part-B)-ATF scheme 02-Medical Officer (MBBS)** on Contract are invited for recruitment at DIMHANS Dharwad.

Last Date for submission of application in sealed cover to Director, DIMHANS, Dharwad is ***30.07.2025 at 5.00 pm***

For More details and application form visit: **//dimhans.karnataka.gov.in** Contact No: 0836-2447055.

Sd/- Director DIMHANS, Dharwad.
DIPR/DWD/DISHA/443/2025-26

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.
Short Term Tender Notification- 14/2025-26 Date: 16-07-2025 (Call-2)
Ref:Short Term Tender Notification- 09/2025-26 Date: 16-06-2025
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P by Executive Engineer KNNL DRP Division Shikaripura on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-III and Above. (For Sl.No 02 Category II A Contractors Should be Participated) The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Construction works for Foot Bridge (02 works) in Soraba Taluk of Shivamogga dist Work Amount put to tender Rs. 99.95 Lakhs to Rs. 99.89 Lakhs and EMD Rs. 1.69 Lakhs to Rs. 0.85 lakhs 1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **18-07-2025 to 25-07-2025 up to 5.30 PM 2)** Last date for queries Dtd: **24-07-2025 up to 5.30 PM 3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **28-07-2025 @ 11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from **date-18-07-2025 at (http:// www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura
DIPR/SMG/No-119-07/ zenkar/2025-26

Centre For e-Governance
Room No.146-A, First Floor, M. S. Building, Bangalore - 560 001 Phone: 080-2237 3840: FAX-080-22373841: e-mail: ceoceg@karnataka.gov.in
No. CEG/31/2025-CeG-ADMIN (1839955) **Dated:19-07-2025**

The Centre for e-Governance is a Society established by the Government of Karnataka under DPAR(e-Governance) and registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. The organization proposes to fill up the post of Project Director, Karnataka State Data Centre (PD, KSDC) on deputation basis from amongst citizens of India having relevant experience in the field of Telecommunication Services/Networking/Internet Services/IT.

Name of Post	Scale of Pay	Upper age limit as on date of closing of applications	No. of Post
Project Director, KSDC	7th CPC, Grade Pay Level 12/13/13A/14 or Equivalent	55	1

For the details such as qualification and experience etc. the candidates may refer the website: **https://ceg.karnataka.gov.in .** Interested candidates should submit their applications within 7 days of the publication of this advertisement.

Sd/- The Administrative Officer, Centre for e-Governance
DIPR/CP/1941/Zen/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in),** for the following works. **(1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/ WORK_INDENT2932/CALL-3, Dated: 15.07.2025.** Sale of Anticipated Mill Reject Waste Coal Stocked on daily basis at Bellary Thermal Power Station Mill reject yard. **EMD : Rs.4,15,800/-. (2) KPCL/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT2931/CALL-3, Dated: 15.07.2025.** Sale of Mill Reject Waste Coal (32000MT) on as is where basis stored at Bellary Thermal Power Station Mill reject yard. **EMD : Rs.4,45,920/-. Last Date for Submission of both the Bids on 25.07.2025 upto 5:00 p.m.**

For Further details can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer (Fuels), BTPS, KPCL, Kuduthini, Bellary (Dist), **Mobile: 09480830342, e-mail: eefuelsbtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in, eefuelsbtpskpcl@gmail.com**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client proposes to acquire absolute ownership of property bearing No. 119, BBMP PID No. 78-1-119, measuring 889.94 square meters (equivalent to 9,575.75 square feet), situated at Infantry Road, Ward No.110, Sampagiramanagara (previously within Ward No.78, Vasanthnagar), Bengaluru, together with the commercial structure constructed thereon, more fully described in the schedule below and referred to as the **"Property"**, from Mr. M Ashok Kumar, son of late Mr. Mohan Prasad and Mr. M. Balaji, son of late Mr. Mohan Prasad (collectively, the **"Owners"**) and M/s Rajarajeshware Builddcon Private Limited (formerly known as Rajarajeshwari Buildcon Private Limited), a company presently governed by the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and having its registered office at No. 67/1, Sri Ranga Complex Netkallappa Circle, Basavangudi, Bengaluru (the **"Developer"**). The **Owners** and the Developer have represented that, except for the joint development agreement dated 08/12/2022, registered as document No.SHV-1-07496-2022-23 of Book-I, stored in CD No.SHVD1274, at the office of Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar (the **"JDA"**) entered into amongst them for development of the Property and the encumbrance disclosed to our client, the Owners or the Developer have not entered into any other agreement of sale/development agreement/memorandum of understanding/arrangement etc., with any person/s with regard to the Property or a portion thereof. The Owners and the Developer hereby declare that, save and except for the encumbrance already disclosed to our client, the Property or any part thereof has not been mortgaged, pledged or otherwise encumbered in any manner. The Owners and the Developer have further represented that they are the absolute owners of the Property having clear and marketable, right, title and interest therein in terms of the JDA, and that apart from them, there is no other person/s having any right, title or claim over the Property. Any person/s, entity, trust, firm, HUF, institution (corporate or otherwise) having claims, demand, right, title or interest, minor's claim or any right of whatsoever nature capable of establishing such claim, demand, right, title or interest with respect to the Property shall lodge their written objections/claims together with all documentary evidence **within fourteen (14) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned. Failing to do so, it shall be presumed that the ownership and title of the Owners and the rights of the Developer under the JDA with respect to the Property is clear, marketable, and free from all encumbrances of any kind whatsoever, and our client shall then proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction. Any claims or alleged interests, which are received without documentary evidence or received after fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on the parties to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE
Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of the of the immovable property being a **site bearing No. 119,** BBMP PID No. 78-1-119, measuring 889.94 square meters (equivalent to 9,575.75 square feet), situated at Infantry Road, Ward No.110, Sampagiramanagara (previously within Ward No.78, Vasanthnagar), Bengaluru, together with the commercial structure constructed thereon, and bounded by:

East by : Private property and way for Central Street;
West by : Common passage and private property;
North by : Infantry Road; and
South by : Shukoor buildings.

Ms. Savitha K.G., Partner
Poovayya & Co., Advocates and Solicitors
The Estate, Level Four, 121 Dickenson Road, Bengaluru - 560 042
Place: Bengaluru Date: 20/07/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **Smt. CHAMPA UDAYAKUMAR ,** wife of Dr. V. Udayakumar, residing at No.138, First Floor, 11th B Cross, WOC Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru -560086, who is the absolute owner of Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendor having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within **Fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing **Site No.138, Property No.138** and **New E.PID No.5848627324**, situated at **11th 'B' Cross Road, West of Chord Road II Stage, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru**, totally measuring 2400 Square feet together with the house constructed thereon and bound as follows: East : Site No.139; West : Site No.137 North : 11th B Cross Road South : Site No.135

Bangalore, Date: 20.07.2025

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विज्ञापन संख्या/Advt . No.: ARCI/HRD/FELLOWSHIPS/1/2025

वॉक-इन इंटरव्यू /WALK-IN INTERVIEWS
रिसर्च एसोसिएटों/जूनियर/सीनियर रिसर्च फेलोशिपों
RESEARCH ASSOCIATES/ JUNIOR/SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

एआरसीआई वॉक-इन इंटरव्यू/एआरसीआई फेलोशिप परीक्षा के माध्यम द्वारा निम्नलिखित फेलोशिपों को नियोजित करना चाहता हैं:

ARCI is looking to engage following fellowships through walk-in interviews/ARCI Fellowship Examination:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	फैलोशिप विवरण Fellowship Details
01.	रिसर्च एसोसिएट (I/III)/Research Associate (I/III) (7 Posts) छात्रवृत्ति/Stipend: Rs. 58,000/- +HRA; Rs. 67,000/- + HRA **Walk-in Interview: 1st अगस्त/1 August, 2025**
02.	वरिष्ठ अनुसंधान अध्येता/Senior Research Fellows (4 Posts) छात्रवृत्ति/Stipend: Rs. 42,000/- + HRA **Walk-in Interview: 1st अगस्त/1 August, 2025**
03.	कनिष्ठ अनुसंधान अध्येता/Junior Research Fellows (30 Posts) छात्रवृत्ति/Stipend: Rs. 37,000/- + HRA **Walk-in Interview: 4th & 5th अगस्त/ 4th & 5th August, 2025**

ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 28.07.2025 है
Last Date for submission of Online Applications is 28.07.2025
पूरी जानकारी के लिए लॉग ऑन करें/For complete details, log on to: https://www.arci.res.in/careers.html

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase immovable property being Residential property No. 34/1, 1st A Main Road, Aatmanand Colony, Sultan Palya, Bengaluru 560032, site measuring 3264 Sq ft, more fully described in the Schedule hereto and referred to as Schedule Property.

The present owner Mr. VIVEK HARSHAD KAKKAD, Son of Mr. HARSHAD KAKKAD, represents to our client that He is the lawful owner of the Schedule Property, having acquired title to the same by sale from its erstwhile owner Mrs. Parvathy Rao, wife of Sri Pramesh Rao.

This is to inform the general public that any person/s or body having any claim whatsoever if any, in respect of the Schedule Property may file their written objections / claims by Registered Post AD, at my address given below, within 15 days of the publication of this notice, giving full particulars of the claim along with documents, failing which it would be deemed that there is no such claim / dispute /objections and our client would thereafter not entertain any such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of Residential **Property bearing No. 34/1 situated at 1st A Main Road, Aatmanand Colony, Matadahalli, Sultan Palya, Bengaluru–560032** and bearing BBMP PID No. 95-25-34/1 and measuring East to West: 48 feet (14.63 metres) and North to south 64 feet (19.51 metres) on western side and measuring North to South 72 feet (21.95 metres) on the Eastern Side, totally site measuring 3264 Sq ft (303.17 Square metres), along with Residential building thereon, and bounded on:

East by : Private property
West by : Road
North by : Road
South by : Private property

Bengaluru
17th July 2025

Preeti Dayanand Naik, Advocate
3013, High Point – III
45, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560001

Draft notification on five new corporations issued

The draft splits the civic limits into five corporations — Central, North, East, West, and South corporations, of varying sizes in terms of area, population, population density, and even projected property tax potential of these corporations

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

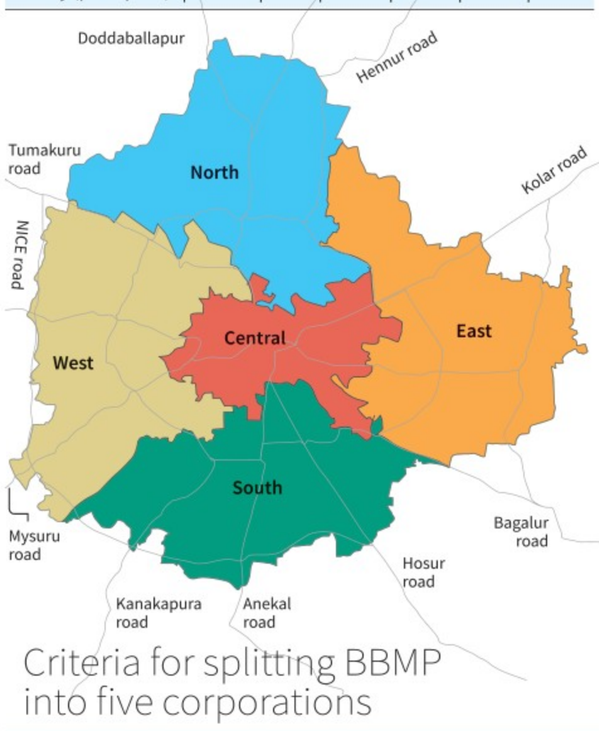
The State government issued a draft notification of the boundaries of the proposed five municipal corporations carved out of the existing city civic limits of 712 sq. km, on Saturday, inviting objections over the next 30 days. This comes after Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot approved the proposal on Saturday.

The draft splits the civic limits into five corporations - Central, North, East, West, and South corporations, of varying sizes in terms of area, population, population density, and even projected property tax potential of these corporations. Trying to limit the variance in revenue generation potential among the proposed corporations, and ensuring that the least number of assembly constituencies are split between multiple corporations, seems to have guided the exercise.

As per the draft notified on Saturday, only five Assembly constituencies –Dasarahalli, R.R. Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Mahadevapura and Padmanabhanagar – are split between two corporations.

How it is in the various corporations

	Central	East	North	South	West	Total
Projected property tax 2025 (in ₹crore)	659	912	543	733	580	3427
Area (sq. km)	78	168	158	147	161	712
Projected population - 2023 (in million)	2.5	1.3	3.1	3	4.5	14.4
Population as per 2011 census (in million)	1.5	0.9	1.8	1.7	2.6	8.5
Population density (per sq. km)	32,051	7,738	19,620	20,408	27,950	20,225



Corporation and Assembly Constituencies

Bengaluru Central City Corporation
C. V. Raman Nagar, Chamarajpet, Chickpet, Gandhinagar, Shantinagar, Shivajinagar

Bengaluru North City Corporation
Yelahanka, Byatarayanapura, Hebbal, Sarvagnanagar, Pulikeshinagar, parts of Dasarahalli and R.R. Nagar

Bengaluru East City Corporation
K.R.Puram and all of Mahadevapura except a part of Bellandur

Bengaluru West City Corporation
Basavanagudi, Govindarajnagar, Vijayanagar, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Malleswaram, all of Yeshwanthpur except a part of Hemmigepura, parts of Padmanabhanagar and Dasarahalli

Bengaluru South City Corporation
Jayanagar, BTM Layout, Bangalore South, Bommanahalli, parts of Padmanabhanagar, part of Hemmigepura (Yeshwanthpur), part of Bellandur (Mahadevapura), part of R.R. Nagar ward (R.R. Nagar)

Criteria for splitting BBMP into five corporations

- The smallest corporation must have a population of over 1 million
- The minimum population density is to be greater than 5,000 persons/sq km
- The imbalance in own property tax (including cess) among corporations currently needs to be as low as possible
- Keeping citizen convenience at the heart of the exercise including easy accessibility of citizens to all services/infrastructure
- Since MLAs are part of the Corporations, it is necessary to minimise the number of Assembly constituencies that get cut across multiple corporations
- Minimising the population density (numbers/sq km) spread between the corporations to the extent possible
- The roads separating the multiple corporations to be as wide as possible

A view of BBMP head office in Bengaluru. As per the draft notified, only five Assembly constituencies are split between two corporations. K. MURALI KUMAR

Property tax potential
While the Brand Bengaluru Committee had made multiple proposals based on various criteria, including one where the revenue variance was limited to ₹100 crore, the proposal accepted by the State government has a maximum variance of ₹369 crore (in projected property tax collection for 2025) between Bengaluru East City Corporation (₹912 crore), the richest corporation that houses most parts of the IT corridor and Bengaluru North City Corporation (₹543 crore), the poorest of the five.

"BBMP's revenue accounts for roughly 40% of its budget, and the rest is through grants from the State and Central governments. Even the corporation with the lowest projected income will be able to manage its revenue expenditure of the corporation by itself. Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), chaired by the Chief Minister, will play a balancing role, providing more grants to corporations with lesser revenue to bring them on par. The need for infrastructure development will also play a role in this," said V. Ravichandar, member, Brand Bengaluru Committee.

"The Eastern areas have much lower population but high revenue; the Western areas have high population but low revenue due to the nature of the settlements. Apart from the Central Corporation, the other four corporations (East, North, South, and West) have an area variation of just 21 sq. km (15%) and the population difference is 1:3.5. The latter is unavoidable given the wide disparity between the East and Western areas," the report of the Committee said. The population of the five corporations vary between 1.3 million in East and 4.5 million in West.

"While the Central Corporation is 'locked' from horizontal growth possibilities through area expansion, vertical growth with Transit Oriented Development policies in the city centre with better infrastructure provisioning will result in revenue as well as population growth in line with the other areas," the committee said in its report.

Experts call for expansion of civic limits to include urbanised villages

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While there has been general concurrence among urban planners and experts on the way the city's civic limits have been divided into five corporations , many argue that the municipal limits should have been expanded to include areas beyond today's civic limits that are urbanised.

"We seem to be trying to solve yesterday's problem and not tomorrow's. We still do not seem to be addressing a ground reality that most of the new migrants into the city are settling outside the civic limits, urbanising those areas," said urban expert Ashwin Mahesh, arguing for four more corporations beyond the civic limits to be brought under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

GBA has been notified to be the BBMP area only, with a promise to be expanded at a later stage. Initially, there was a proposal to include at least 25 urbanised villages beyond the civic limits in the GBA. However, that was put on hold. Sources said while GBA will be expanded, areas beyond the civic limits may be municipalised or kept under zilla panchayats and their representatives be given a seat at the GBA.

Given the disparity in revenue generation capacity of the five corporations and the role of the Chief Minister-led GBA to bring in a balance through State grants, N.S. Mukunda of Bengaluru Praja Vedike, said that there was a need to develop a comprehensive ward development index which becomes an impartial and transparent yardstick to allocate funds. "A corporation that may need money may elect an opposition party to that in power in the State, and this can create a situation where that corporation may be starved of funds and development. If an impartial development index becomes the yardstick, we can hope to achieve some balance over the next few years," he said.

Mr. Mahesh said that given the wide disparity in area and population of the corporations, delimitation of wards will end up with unequal wards, a problem that already plagues the city. He said each corporation should be allowed to have its own delimitation exercise to ensure equal representation within that corporation. However, others oppose this argument. "According to the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, each corporation can have a maximum of 150 wards. To bring parity in the larger GBA area, we can ensure a corporation with a smaller population will have a lesser number of wards and those with a larger population more wards," an official said.

Citizen group demands interactive map, option to file objections online

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Citizen group in the city has taken objection to the way the State government has notified the five corporations carved out of the city's civic limits. A citizens' group, Bengaluru Praja Vedike, has demanded that the city's civic body, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), publish an interactive map of the proposed corporations.

The Government Order (GO) neither has a map of the proposed five corporations, nor the areas under each corporation. The GO lists the boundaries between each of these corporations listing out roads and directions.

'Incomprehensible'
"The GO is incomprehensible for anyone. This smacks of a lack of transparency and an unwillingness to let the citizens form an informed view of the matter, in the absence of which public consultation becomes a farce," said N.S. Mukunda of Bengaluru Praja Vedike.

Citizens' groups have demanded that there should be an option to send their objections electronically as well. The BBMP Restructuring Committee, which proposed the five corporations to be set up, has published maps of the proposed five corporations, along with a note on the same on bbmprestructuring.org.

The government has provided 30 days for the public to file objections from the date of the notification on Saturday. The GO says all objections need to be addressed to Additional Chief Secretary to the Government.

IT corridor gets a corporation; residents welcome move, others raise concerns

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

A long-standing demand of the city's information technology (IT) corridor residents for a dedicated corporation to govern their areas is likely to become a reality soon.

Bengaluru East City Corporation – with K.R. Puram and most parts of Mahadevapura Assembly constituencies, except a part of Bellandur ward – houses most of the city's IT corridor and, as expected, emerged as the richest corporation. However, this has also raised concerns over disparity in revenue generation potential of various corporations and over linguistic issues as well.

Early votaries
Residents of Mahadevapura and K.R. Puram were among the earliest votaries of a multiple corporation set up in 2015, arguing that joining the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had worked against them, as despite being the highest contributors to the civic body's revenue, infrastructure in their areas continued to suffer a perpetual lag.

Representatives of Whitefield Rising and Varthur Rising, prominent RWAs of the area, have welcomed the draft. Several IT companies and tech parks are also on board, sources said. Anjali Saini, a member of Whitefield Rising, supported the split, saying it would help address the problems of each zone more effectively and allow the administration to sharpen its focus.

A part of the Bellandur ward, areas beyond Sarjapur Road, have been split and added to Bengaluru South City Corporation to ensure parity in tax collection potential between various corporations. The part added to South Corporation generates about ₹100 crore in property tax, sources said.

Language issues
The two constituencies are known to house a large population of migrants from outside the State. N. Jagadish Reddy, of Varthur Rising, a prominent RWA of the area, warned that the new boundaries create corporations with linguistic divides.

Mr. Reddy cautioned that linguistic politics should not influence the selection of representatives.

N.S. Mukunda, of Bengaluru Praja Vedike, a citizen group in the city, said language was increasingly becoming a flashpoint in the city, especially in the IT corridor, and the government should ensure that the primacy of Kannada is maintained at any cost.

'Scrub typhus now the most common infectious cause of acute encephalitis syndrome'

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

A large, multicentre study of 587 children with acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu has revealed that scrub typhus, a bacterial infection, is now the most common infectious cause of AES in southern India.

The study by a team of researchers from NIMHANS, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, and St. John's Medical College Hospital was recently published in *The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia*.

AES, a global challenge
AES, characterised by acute onset fever and altered mental status and/or new seizures, presents a significant global public health challenge. It has an incidence of 3.5 to 13.8 cases per 1,00,000 patient-years, disproportionately affects children, and is associated with high morbidity and mortality.

In India, over 10,000 cases of AES are reported annually to the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP).

Historically, surveillance efforts have prioritised Japanese Encephalitis (JE), even as its incidence has significantly declined due to widespread vaccination. Moreover, recent studies reveal a dynamic, region-specific, and evolving aetiology of AES in India. Scrub typhus (caused by bacterium Orientia tsutsugamushi), an under-recognised cause of AES, has been increasingly reported in certain regions.

Aimed at systematically investigating infectious aetiologies of AES in children from southern India and developing clinical prediction models for diagnosing scrub typhus, the study found that the bacterial infection is now the most common infectious cause (44%) of AES in southern India, far exceeding Japanese Encephalitis virus (11%).

Recent studies have revealed a dynamic, region-specific, and evolving aetiology of AES in India. REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

Scrub typhus and other doxycycline-treatable infections are significant contributors of AES in India. However, limited surveillance in southern India has hindered their recognition and the inclusion of doxycycline in treatment protocols.

The prospective study enrolled children aged above 28 days to 18 years with AES presenting to three tertiary care hospitals in Bengaluru - Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Vani Vilas, and St. John Medical College Hospital. Primary outcomes were microbiological diagnosis of AES and clinical prediction models for diagnosing scrub typhus and identifying patients with doxycycline-treatable causes. Models were developed using multivariable logistic regression, internally validated, and simplified into point-scoring systems. Between March 2020 and February 2023, 714 children were screened, of whom 587 were included. Of these, 315 (54%) had a microbiological diagnosis. Scrub typhus accounted for 138/315 (44%), and doxycycline-treatable causes were diagnosed in 193/315 (61%) of these cases. Key predictors associated with both scrub typhus and doxycycline-treatable causes were age, illness duration, lymphadenopathy, oedema, hepatomegaly, lymphocyte count, platelet count, and serum albumin levels, said Tina Damodar, clinical virologist and DBT-Welcome Trust fellow, Department of Neurovirology at NIMHANS, who is the lead author of the study.

"Among the 315 children with an identified infectious cause, dengue (10%), leptospira (5%), and chikungunya (5%) were also notable. Other detected pathogens included herpes viruses, enteroviruses, pneumococcus, tuberculosis, and measles, reflecting a diverse and region-specific AES landscape. These findings highlight the need to update AES surveillance and treatment protocols," Dr. Damodar told *The Hindu*.

"The study found that over 60% of microbiologically confirmed AES cases were caused by doxycycline-treatable infections, primarily scrub typhus. Despite this, doxycycline is not routinely included in empirical AES treatment in many parts of India," she said.

Recommendations
Another study author Reeta S. Mani, head of neurovirology at NIMHANS, said that based on the results, the study recommends including doxycycline or azithromycin in the initial treatment of children with AES or acute febrile illness (AFI) in southern India - a change already implemented at the participating referral tertiary care hospitals.

"Timely treatment is critical. Among the 138 children with scrub typhus, nearly 40% either died or developed neurological complications, largely due to delayed diagnosis. To address this, the study calls for wider availability of scrub typhus diagnostic tests (IgM ELISA or PCR) at primary and secondary care levels," the doctor said.

The researchers have also developed a clinical prediction model - a simple point-based tool that can help frontline clinicians identify children likely to benefit from doxycycline, even before lab confirmation is available.

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TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC, Age 30, MS, MNC, 30 Lakhs. Ct 8138900557

LOOKING FOR Christian Bridegroom for the girl working in USA aged 26. End time message. 8939250457

SEEKING NEVER Married Tamil/ Telugu Bridegroom age 42–45 for a Software Engineer Girl, 42. Ct:9962956416

✔ TAMIL MUSLIM girl 38 yrs, Engineer, seeks for Tamil Muslim employed, never married Groom. 9444235779

CSI TAMIL M.Sc., M.Phil., 35/149, Asst.Prof. Pvt. Seeks Groom, FC/BC, below 39 yrs. Ct: 98946-77892.

CHRISTIAN, SC, Age 26, B.E completed, looking for an educated groom. Contact 8138900553

CHRISTIAN, RC, Age 30, B.E, MS, Project manager at MNC, PA 30 Lakhs. Contact 8138901383

MUSLIM 27 studying MD 1st yr seeks suitable boy Chennai. SMS 9444721694

SUITABLE BORN Again Protestant Christian for Bride,31, 5'2", BE, PGDMA (Finance). Manager in MNC in Bengaluru. Contact 8296934623

CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC, age 31, MD studied settled at USA, well settled family. Ct 8138900498.

CHRISTIAN, NADAR, Age 34, Divorced, MA completed, ready to relocate. Ct 8138901383.

CHRISTIAN, RC, age 29, B.Arch, Architect, Upper middle class family. Ct 8138900523.

HINDU, DEVANDRAKULA Vellalar, Age 30, Bsc IT, Government, 15 Lakhs Ct 8138900652

HINDU, SC, Age 30, BSc Nursing, Private, 15 Lakhs. Ct 8137003549

CASTE NO Bar, 30yrs, BE, MS (UK), Very Affluent family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Cont: 6385293227

NADAR (GRAMINI), 21yrs, MBBS, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

MUDALIAR (CNB) 25/ Fair & Good Looking, B.Tech, M.Sc (International Business) doing in Paris, Well settled family, seeks abroad groom. Ct: 8850176287, 8939012419

MUDALIAR (CNB) : 31/165cm, M.S.(Comp.Sci), MNC, SWE, 1800000PA, Chennai, Elite Family, Seeks groom – Job / Business – 9962530015

CHETTIAR (CNB) : 25/ V.Fair & Beautiful, B.Tech, CTS, Eng,Chennai, Only daughter, Affluent Famil , Seeks groom – Job / Business – 8925019776

GROOM WANTED Tamil Hindu Pillai, Age 26, B.E,Chennai Rich and well Educated background Ct 9940475315

SENGUNTHA MUDALIAR Hastham-39, 153Cms., B.E., MBA., M.S (Boston,USA), Working in Canada RBC - Upper Class family - Seek Bride Groom. Contact : 98430 92595.

COMPATIBLE GROOMS from decent, well educated family wanted for a slim, fair Tamil girl (BE, MS, PhD), aged 32, height 156 cm working in Denmark. Ph: 09551441789

BRIDEGROOM WANTED for a well–to–do hindu family's bride age 42, first marriage, degree–MSW, want from (FC, BC, MBC), working within India. CT: 9080359664.

CASTE NO Bar, 27yrs, B.Tech, MS, Elite Family background, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9962791888

MUDALIAR 26 BE,MBA 160cm Good Looking,Well Settled Family Seeks Groom CNB Contact: 8778514465/ 7200866346

GROOM WANTED Mudaliyar 27yrs B.Tech, MS, Running Own Schools in Chennai, Elite business family 6385293227

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN GIRL 35 years engineer working in MNC as an executive well settled at chennai wanted working engineer bridegroom not married below 40 years from a decent christian family–cont 9445931257

VANNIYAR, BDS, 32, Revathi, Employed, Middle class family, Groom from same community needed. 98409 61251

HINDU SCA 26/160/Fair/ BE–CSE working in IT MNC, Chennai Seeks IT Groom. Contact : 9894767123, 9994494546

MARUTHUVAR CA 12L PA / Fair Good Looking. Seeking Suitable Groom. Call or WhatsApp Call +91 96007 76871

AGAMUDI MUDALIYAR Upper Middle Class 33 / 165 cm PG Mirugasirisham,Raghu in Lagnam Seeks IIM / PG Graduates, Age upto 37yrs. Ct: 9176780777

HINDU SC AD 38yrs BE Sr.Software Engineer TCS Chennai Rs 1.40 LPM seeks qualified employed groom. Ct: 9952147216

HINDU VANNIYAR Age 23yrs Girl, BE, Working IT company Chennai. Seeks Groom in same community 9094777677.

NAIDU 28 MBA GNiit 158cm working Chennai seeks Professional Naidu Groom Geetham 9884858014

HINDU, NADAR, Divorced, Age 25, B.Tech, PGDCA, Business at Madurai, Well settled family. Ct 8138901189

HINDU, MUDALIYAR, Divorced, Age 28, B.E, Analyst at MNC, PA 8 Lakhs. Contact 8138901294

HINDU SC, 38yrs, BE, MBA, 80,000 PM, Divorcee, No Children.Looking for Groom in Chennai under 42 in a well Settled Job 9940589536/ 9445111214

SC AD 25/B.E MBA, Asst. Manager[AXTRIA] 1,20,000p.m. Fair Girl Seeks Bridegroom. Ph:9444993417/ 7397674481

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar, 22yrs, B.Com, MBA, Elite business family in Chennai Cont:9380791999/ 9841329471

RICH MUDALIYAR, 28yrs, BE, Divorce, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom Ct: 6385293227

HINDU MUDALIAR, Age 30, 167cm Fair & Charming Working in MNC, Seeks Working Boy from Mudaliar / Pillai / Soliya Vellalar Caste.Ct 9444149262

HINDU/SC AD, 29 years, 5'4" MCA Team lead @ an MNC, 13LPA, owns a new 2BHK Flat in Chennai, Simham Magam Bride(same caste) 9840365908

Hindu Maruthuvar 25 Yrs BA LLB (Hons) Advocate. High Court, Madras, Seeks suitable Groom. Contact. 9344285725.

HINDU, CHETTIYAR, age 32, MS, IT professional, income 1 crore. Ct 7356483111.

HINDU, NADAR, age 26, B.Com, CMA, Business, Income 1 crore. Ct 8138900412.

RC NADAR, 27yrs, ME, 1lakh pm, Business Family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom Ct:9380791999/ 9841329471

TAMIL CHETTIYAR, 25yrs, BE, Elite business family in Coimbatore, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 6385293227

YADAVA NAIDU girl, 26 yrs , 165 cms, fair , PG graduated, working in chennai, affluent family , seeks suitable bride groom Cont : 9790943360

DIVORCED GIRL 1987 Born/MBA/Banking Professional/Resident of Chennai well settled is looking for a suitable match (080–69129264)

CSI PRETTY Girl 1999 born/Affluent family of Chennai is looking for a suitable match(080–69129276)

Sozhiya Vellalar, 25, BE, MBA, 1 lakh pm, MNC, Bangalore, Subcaste no bar, IT / Non IT, Bangalore/ Chennai/ Coimbatore preferred. Ct: 9994996319

✔ 24 Years, Studied MS & Working in Melbourne, Australia, Father & Mother well Settled Business in Coimbatore, Seeking Educated well settled Working/Business Groom with good values, from Tamilnadu or Australia preferably from Vishwakarma / Kongu Vellala Goundar Contact - 9894043614.

Hindu Mudaliar Girl, 29yrs, M.L.Legal Manager, ICICI - Chennai, seeks Handsome, well Educated suitable Groom. Contact: 8682021009 / 87544 01199.

GROOM WANTED

Hindu Nadar
Age 26, Entrepreneur,
B.Tech, MBA, PhD
Dhanusu Rasi Pooradam
seeks suitable
Chennai Settled Groom
Ct 98401 10602

BRIDES WANTED

COSMOPOLITAN

HANDSOME, SUCCESSFUL 36, 188cm, well–spoken, from cultured S. Indian family. Seeking well–educated, compatible bride. Call or WA 9345634365.

CASTE NO bar. Affluent well known family. Boy, MBA(SPAIN), june, 1995. 187cm. Handsome. Girl should be fair and beautiful. Good upper middle class ok. 9840970170

KARKATHAR PILLAI 37, height 170cm, fair and handsome, BE (Telecom), Officer Indian Army IT Branch, 30 lacs PA, never married, son of retd army officer looking for affable and well educated girl. Equal and sub caste no bar. 9448307862.

BRIDE FOR son, 1986, Uthiradam, 180, Mudhaliyar, Mtech, MS Engineer, Sweden. ct.9884187197

Mumbai based 35 year old Muslim IIM graduate (5'10) from a highly educated and affluent family working in a MNC with roots in Kerala looking for a well educated girl from a reputed family. Father a retired Class One officer now working in Riyadh. Had a brief 6 month long nikah that ended legally in 2021 without any liabilities on both sides. Ct: +91 7400098442 / 7021185489

MALAYALAM

NAIR YOUTH 47/182 issueless divorce M.Tech MBA working MNC Kochi Petroleum company financially sound liability will also be considered. 9633001187

NAIR ERANAKULAM 13–12–89/168 Thiruvathira B.Tech Manager Scale–2 Canara bank Manipal Ct Father 7012087429

NRI

NAIDU, 30 Pooratathi, BTech, MS, Research Engineer, Sweden Citizen, Upper Middle Class CNB bride willing to relocate call father 9566682220

PUNJABI

Looking SM for Dec 1983 born Punjabi Handsome Never-Married Boy. MSc PGD working in a MNC at Sr Post 70 LPA. Contact: 9820727061

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN 39 years engineer working in MNC+BUSINESS well settled at chennai wanted a graduate girl from a decent Christian family–cont 9884825317

TAMIL

RC CHRISTIAN, 42yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, works for mnc, Chennai. CT–9500188067

RC Christian B.Tech (CSE) working in MNC 16LPA seeks bride between 21-27yrs. CNB. Ct: 97909 07244

SUNNI MUSLIM Handsome Boy1993 Born / MBBS/MD/ Working in Chennai/Family Resident chennai is looking for a suitable match kindly call (080–69129272)

Tamil Viswakarma BE 18LPA 32/165 cm working in Bangalore Pooratathi, Kumbam seeks suitable bride. Ph: 99404 20406

SM4 HINDU, 56/155cm, Sengunthar, widower, engineer, financially secure, non–vegetarian, non–smoker, seeks homely woman, 40–50, for remarriage. Contact 9514551155 or Ravibalasubra@gmail.com with biodata and photo

HINDU 34YRS/170CM/BE/25LAKHS PA/Sc/ Ayillam. Settled in Bangalore. Family is financially well off and educated. Seeks suitable Bride from same/other caste. Ct:9845401461.

HINDU NADAR, First marriage B. tech, M.S. 42/171 working Canada seeks Bride. Caste no bar. 8148166505.

TAMIL

INTELLIGENT, HANDSOME 29, 170cm, well–educated professional (MEng), EU citizen (Paris). Loving Tamil/ Telugu family. Seeking compatible bride. Caste no bar. Call/WA 9345634365.

LORD AYYAPPA blessed 26 years old son,US Citizen in NY,School/Under–Graduation/IVY Graduation all in US , High belief in family values, Hindu–NonVeg–Viswakarma, Very Handsome, High–Earning, Has Sathya Sai/ Kanchi Periyava Anugragam, invites match proposal from family of similar faith. Please send the detailed family narrative to alliance.vgh@gmail.com.

KARUNEEGAR, VEG, 28, 174cm, LLM, Lawyer, Law Firm, 8 LPA, Seeks Bride. Contact: 8056012034

CHETTIAR 40/ 170cm unmarried. Clean habits, Head of marketing at London. Family in Pondy. Seeking educated bride 30–38 caste/status no bar. Ph: Whatsapp +44–7760779256

32. CHRISTIAN. Working in a PSB. Looking for financially independent, intellectually inclined Tamil/ Malayali woman as life partner. Caste/ Division no bar. Ctct:9789227517

AGE–52, HINDU, Mudaliyar, Business, Divorcee. Seeks Any Mudaliar OK. Divorcee/ Widower Ok. Ct: 9840776650

VELLORE AGAMUDAYA Mudaliyar Rishabam 39/165 BE, SWE,MNC/Chicago/USA,1L USD/A,Seeks working SWE.9487624807

PILLAI/ MUDALIYAR 38/BE, Swathi. Employed. Upper Middle Class Seeks Suitable Bride. Coimbatore 9843252888

CSI NADAR, 31yrs, M.Arch (US), 185cms, Business Family, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact K.A.Raman 9380791999

1985 MUDALIYAR Chennai Assistant Manager Private, Decent Background Seeks Bride 9952010118, 8610518808

BRIDE WANTED Agamudaiyar Mukkulothor 30 178 Cm working in US H1B financially well off looking for a bride same community either in US or those who willing to go. Ct 9884049959

CHENNAI, MUDLR. Any Cast, PhD, Tetolr Divorcd, 41yrs.GM Chess Govt 2Lac /mth.Edu Girl.No expt :9884171419

PERMANENT RESIDENT in United Kingdom, post graduate software engineer seeks doctor/engineer/C.A bride living in India or abroad. Hindu B.C., 33yrs,178cm,70 Kg. Contact /WApp message parents in Chennai /Nagercoil (Tamilnadu) 9841294930.

ALLAINCE INVITED from non- Srivatsam, 37-43 yr old Brahmin girl for 43 yr old Brahmin Engineer, AGM Japanese firm, Kancheepuram/ Chennai. Salary 25 L/yr. Ct: 94877 19495.

BRIDE WANTED Rich Mudaliyar, 31yrs, B.Tech, MS (US), Working in US, Elite business family Ct: 6385293227

SC (AD), 32yrs, MBBS, MD, Well Educated Family background in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 6385293227

DKV Divorce Son with Mother 44 / 1.5 LPM DGM PSU CNB 8903778148 / 9994567839.

MUDHALIAR 39 /185cm Msc Citibank IT Chennai seeks professional Bride Mud /pillai ok Geetham 9884858014

AYIRAVAISHYAR 38 ReMarriage 174cm Advocate Pondy seeks Suitable Bride Mud /Pillai ok Geetham 9884858014

B.Tech Bits Pilani 183cm Height Mudaliar born Nov 91 MNC Bangalore Sal 80 lacs seeks Bride from same Allied castes, Tamil, Telugu. Ph: 7382620365

HINDU, CHETTIYAR, Age 31, B.E Completed, Working as Engineer, PA 8 Lakhs. Contact 8138901227

HINDU, CHETTIYAR, Age 26, B.Tech, MBA, Analyst, Income 20 Lakhs. Contact 8138901097

HINDU, GOUNDER, Age 26, DME, Own Business at Coimbatore, Upper middle class family. Ct 8138900412

HINDU, 32 / 174cm, BE, MS-PhD-IITM, MNC BLR, Contact: 9840161742.

DKV 36YRS B.Tech Manager Working in PSU Bank 18 Lac PA Chennai Seeking Suitable Bride. Call: 9940507235

HINDU, REDDIAR, Age 26, MBA, IT professional at Bangalore, PA 12 Lakhs. Contact 8138009235

AGE 51, 168cm Good body structure Very comfortable Expectation Good comfort Beautiful helpful attitude Bride needed Age Religion No restriction. Mail: arunbalaji2333@gmail.com

TAMIL

HINDU REDDIYAR BE MBA 29 yrs fair working in USA , Salary 6000 USD per month seeks suitable bride employed in USA. CNB. Ph: +919445383782

HINDU UDAYAR, 28, 178 cms, B.Tech, Software professional, TCS, deputed to UK.Looking for a like minded match from same community. Contact:8754503002

THULUVA VELLALA Agamudaya Mudaliyar, 31, Rishabam, Kiruthikai II Patham, B.E., Software Company Job, Good Salary Seeks Suitable Bride. Ct: 96119 66466, 98860 70800

HINDU NADAR 29/178 B.E MBA well settled MNC Chennai seeks educated good looking bride.Cont:9445663691

CHENNAI-BASED HINDU Divorced Groom (US Citizenship) 46 yrs, Height 180cm, MS Engg., Working (60LPA). Seeks Divorced/Widowed Bride (1 Kid Ok). Contact: 8220765305

SEEKING BRIDE from a good family background from Mudaliar / Pillai, for my son born in 1994. Tall, Fair & Handsome with clean habits Presently working in the US. 9841457050

HINDU, MUDALIYAR, age 28, MBBS, MD, looking for a Doctor bride. Ct 8138900312.

HINDU, CASTE NO BAR, age 29, B.E, IT professional, Upper middle class family. Ct 8138900537

HINDU, VANNIYAR, Age 26, B.E, Banking professional, Upper middle class family. Ct 8138900316.

SAIVA PILLAI 39, Divorcee.BE/MBA, MNC, Bangalore, Seeks First Marriage Bride in Thirunelveli/ Thanjavur Saiva Pillai/ Karkathar Society only.Ct: 8072215374/ 9344701672

HINDU HANDSOME Boy 1995 born/M.S Engineer/Chennai settled Affluent Family looking for suitable match (080–69129281)

HINDU GRAMANI, 26 Years, C.A., Rasi Meenam, Uthirattathi, Lagnam Simham. Preferably C.A or Any Professional with Decent Family Background Bride. Contact: 9176816809

SMART LOOKING boy 1992 born/ Mtech/ Multiple Business/ chennai settled/ affluent family looking for suitable match(080–69129262)

HINDU BOY 1991 Born, Height 177cm / MBBS / MD / Doctor/ Resident of Chennai is looking for suitable match(080–69129271)

ELITE MUDALIYAR, 27yrs, B.Tech, Business Family background, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9962791888

TAMIL HINDU graduate bride from TN, good family background, willing to relocate – for UK graduate (British Indian, 34, 183cm, MNC) from good family background. Pls send all details to punaggai@outlook.com

BE BRAHMIN 1973 differently abled Chennai seeks likeminded bride. Living together considered. 9884473503

TAMIL IYER, 1986, Hastham, BE, ME, MBA, PhD Asst. Prof. B'lore 12.5L PA, Seeks Any Brahmin girl. WA: 9092501181 jsshyammohan@gmail.com

WANTED BRIDE for a Well–Educated, Cultured Family Invites Alliance for their Son:39years, Height :174/ Centimeter, Fair, Beautiful, B.Sc(Maths), M.Sc(IT), Working in MNC, based in Bangalore. Looking for a Professionally Qualified Girl, 33–39 years, Preferably from a Reputed Family, Any Metro City, Caste– Any Brahmin. Serious Inquiries Only. Mail ID:manikandan.tvg@gmail.com. PH:+91–9500118505 / 8825509525

BRIDE WANTED

31yrs, 182cm/75kg, Fair, B.Tech NIT Trichy, post-graduate software engineer, well employed, non-vegetarian, teetotaller, non-smoker. Affluent, ultra high net worth Chennai and Bengaluru based, Elite Tamil Vellalar family. Looking for suitable bride from similar background (Caste No Bar).

Contact: +91-6381092899

Seeking BRIDE for Bridegroom

Hindu, Kulalar/Udayaar, 44 yrs, 170 cms, M.Tech, IT professional, Caste open for discussion. First Marriage Only

CT: 93842 76066

TAMIL

TAMILIAN, 57, WORKING for an Australian university, non–smoker, non–drinker, seeks Tamilian lady around 50 for matrimony. Religion, caste, children, wealth no bar. Contact: mthalaivan@yahoo.com

WANTED BRAHMIN Bride below 42y, for 49y old bachelor, Koundinyam, Makham. Chennai based SW professional. Contact pbjmatrimonial@yahoo.com.

IYER, Meena Rasi, 27 Yrs /178 cm/ Fair/Slim, MBA Groom, Chennai now in Bangalore @ KPMG. Seek 162/ Slim, Bride. Contact: 9791158816

BRIDE WANTED

MS (CSE) 29/180, fair, good-looking, high-earning tech professional with established career and strong financial background based in Chennai, from a well settled, affluent Agamudayar family. Seeking an educated, and family-oriented bride (below 28 yrs) from a good family background (Tamil)(CNB).

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IYER TAMIL, BA Sanskrit, 35/177cm, Bharatwaja, Dhanusu, Pooradam, Salary: 80,000 PM. seeks any Brahmin Bride (Age : 27-33) Ph: 93440 37750

Looking for a well Educated Beautiful Yadava Girl, for a well settled Yadava Boy, BE, 29/176cm, Employed in a Senior position. Contact: 94443 25069

Naidu Affluent Family Chennai 29/165 Thiruvonam, ME Structural Engineer in MNC additional own Business and Rental Income, CNB Contact: 9841097110.

Hindu 58years 165cm Central Govt. Jr. Engineer Rs.1.40 Lakhs PM. Never Married Own House. seeks Bride Divorcee or Widow. Ct: 87786 30870.

TELUGU

KAMMA 34/171, MCA, working in MNC, contact: 9840269792

GAVARA, 24, Associate Analyst, Wells Fargo, Hyderabad, 10 Lakhs, working Chennai girls preferable, Contact : 8939835453

RICH REDIYAR, 34yrs, M.sc (UK), Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact:6385293227

NAIDU 32/185 Handsome MBBS MD,Ramachandra, 3200000 PA, Well Settled Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

Naidu Uthiram 29/180, B.E, MNC IT-Chennai. 34L, onlyson, seeks employed bride Sub caste NoBar.9444048537

URDU

MUSLIM, TAMIL speaking, Age 42/ B.Sc. seeking suitable bride +2/ any Deg. Ct: 9360285747 / 9486282337

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US UK Canada All Caste Religion 1st Marriage Remarriage. Ct:8248757840

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INTER CASTE, 28, 180 cms, BE IT, Businessman. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match match from an similar community. Contact: 6366448344

CHETTIYAR, 26, 178 cms, MS (USA), Devops Engineer. Lives in USA. Father is a CFO in Middle East. Family is affluent. Looking for a suitable match from the similar community. Contact: 6366448344

NAIDU, 33, 178 cms, MS, Software Professional. Lives in US. Family was Professionals. Looking for a suitable match from community from US. Contact: 6366448343

CHRISTIAN, 29, 180 cms, CA. Lives in Chennai. Business class family. Looking for a like minded match from any Malayalam Christian community. Preferably Tamil Nadu/ Kerala. Contact: 6366448343

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

BRAHMIN IYER, 28, 173 cms, MS in CS at Columbia University & working in Pvt. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match from similar community. Contact: 6366448344

MUDALIYAR, 28, 163 cms, BE & MBA. Parents are retired person. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match from the similar community. Contact: 6366448344

CASTE NO BAR, 24, 147 cms, Civil Engg, Working Professional. Lives in US. Family are of Professional. Looking for a like minded match from any community from US. Contact: 6366448343

CHRISTIAN, 36, 168 cms, MBA, Management Professional. Lives in Canada. Family are of Professional. Family is affluent. Looking for a like minded match from any similar community. Preferably US or Canada. Contact: 6366448343

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DIVORCEE

HINDU 37 MBA No encumbrances Bank employee own house seeks bride. Caste no bar. Ct:9789001684/ 9884355456

SUBBIAH, SAIVA Pillai, 30, 172CM, Divorced B.E, IT Prof., Chennai Seeks veg, edu bride, 9987455657

DOCTOR

WANTED A Protestant Doctor bride for a Doctor groom. Age 29, 165 Cms., Doing PG. Caste no bar. Ct: 9344679516

MUDALIYAR– CAST No Bar. Age –30, MBBS, MS, Seeks, MBBS Female Dr. Any District. Ct : 7358 638363.

HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Chennai. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

TAMIL

WANTED TAMIL Brahmin US Citizen working in US, tall, 24-26 years, 165cm for US Citizen girl working in US IT field, Harita, Poorattadhi (3), Kumbam. Iss1320613@gmail.com.

TELUGU

KAMMA, 26/161cms, fair, IT Professional in Prime MNC Abudhabi, Looking for Elite KAMMA UAE Professional/Bussiness class. Contact: 98947 82255

NAIDU Balija, Chennai
Fair & Beautiful
5'4" Rohini 26 years
Post Graduate Entrepreneur
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Kindly share:
Profile, Horoscope, Photos
groominvited@gmail.com

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN RC 1973 born 165cm MBA Sr. Manager 1.1 L/Pm Govt PSU divorce seeks suitable bride Ct. 8148842983

LECTURER 27.06.92, 182cm MA Phd Mesham Bharani Well Settled in Chennai. Seek Christian Tall, Fair Girl. CNB. Cont: 9789847577

MUSLIM 31 Divorced Tamil/Urdu Chennai Native,UK Resident seeks Muslim Bride willing to reside in UK 00447440730671 (W)M:basha17294@gmail.com

PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN, 29yrs, BE, MS, 170cms, Robotics Engineer in USA, H1B Visa, seeks Born again, God fearing Bride. Parents whose daughter is either working or studing in USA. Contact WhatsApp: 8122785230

CSI / 28yrs B.C / BE / Working IT 60k / BE or Degree Bride Working or Not Working / Ct : 80728 04877 / 73058 37208 / 98409 17304

TELUGU

RICH NAIDU, 25yrs, BE, MBA, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

NAIDU 28/167 Fair, Beautiful,MBBS, MS–Doing, 900000.PA, Well Settled Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

TELUGU YADAVA HOMELY LOOKING BRIDE
aged 25, cosmetologist, wheatish, 155 cms height, seeks graduate or PG business professional well settled bridegroom aged below 30 with decent family background & prefers to stay in Chennai.
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URDU

SINGAPORE TAMIL Muslim Girl 33 years seeks abroad well settled Engineer Groom. Contact 6380744638

MUSLIM, SEEKING 45-50 yrs Groom with Clean Habits, Permanent Income for Govt. Employee Bride, Ist marriage, 43 Yrs Whatsapp: 79048 81441

TAMIL

LOOKING FOR RC Nadar Bride for Groom, Ph.D (Chemistry) 29 Years / 167 cm, currently working as Research Associate in a Hong Kong University. Mob: 9444045013

HINDU, REDDIAR, Widower, Age 45, MPhil, Government, 7 lakhs. Ct 8138901171

MUDHALIYAR 51/ 170 Doctor Surgeon, Caste No Bar. Only First Marriage. Ct : 9842366613.

HINDU, GOUNDER, Age 33, CA, Private, 15 Lakhs. Ct 8138900312

HINDU ARNADU Vellalar 40 BE (unmarried) working in abroad. Salary 25 lks per annum. Seeks bride from same or allied caste seeking unmarried / legally divorced / no issues. Contact: 9944569401.

HINDU, VANNIYAR, Age 29, MBA, Private, 4 Lakhs. Ct 8138900575

HINDU, GOUNDER, Age 30, MBBS, Doctor, 5 Lakhs. Ct 8138900913

CHETTIYAR KADANTHA Maharishi, Rohini 30/172 BE Mech.working in MNC Chennai 14 Lacs PA, Ct: 9789094450

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar,39yrs,B.com, MBA, Divorce, Auditor, Elite business family 9841329471/ 9380791999

SEEKING ALLIANCE for our Son 38/ 175cms, Good Looking, Doing own business (Trichy & Coimbatore) from an affluent family. Caste no bar. Prefers pet lovers. Contact: 9884446647

VANNIAKULAKSHTRIA GROOM Age 43yrs / 182cm (Divorcee short lived, no issues) BE, MBA(UK) Working IT company Chennai 15 la / P.A Ct: 9944928521 / 9487935521.

HINDU BC, Sozhia Vellalar. 31/180cm, B.E., / Barani, Mesham, IT Pvt. Co at Bangalore, Rs.80,000 pm, Native Trichy, Wanted Suitable Female. Contact : 98945 25554, 94430 44292.

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Nobody owns house or land in this village recorded as 'proposed forest'

Karimane residents say they haven't been allowed to build houses because it is forestland, but their applications under the Forest Rights Act are also pending

Sathish G.T.
KARIMANE (SHIVAMOGGA)

For several years, the residents of Karimane, a village in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district, have been fighting for the rights over the houses, sites, and land they have been in possession of. Applications seeking permission to build houses on the sites allotted under the Ashraya housing scheme, grant of land under Section 94C of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act for the construction of houses, and regularisation of 'bagair hukum' cultivation have all remained pending over the decades.

In a quandary: A view of Karimane village in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district. SATHISH G.T.

GP office too

As over 185 acres in survey number 106 of Karimane have been identified as 'proposed forest' or *Soochitha Aranya* in Kannada, the villagers have not been able to get rights over their properties. In fact, even the office of the Karimane Gram Panchayat exists on the land identified as proposed forest. The bus stand, anganwadi, school, and the road that passes through the village all come under the same category of land.

Devamma Gopal, president of the panchayat, is among those fighting for the rights over the land. She has no khata issued for her house in the village. Also, the Forest Department has not honoured people seeking land as per the Forest Rights Act.

"This is a strange case. We have not been allowed to build houses because it is forestland. However, the applications submitted under the Forest Rights Act are also pending. We have been fighting against this injustice for long," said S.M. Harish, a resident of the village.

A majority of the residents in the village are those displaced following the construction of dams for hydel power projects in the district. Of them, 86 families were allotted sites in the village in 1991-92. They got khatas for the sites. However, the next year, the entire area was marked as 'proposed forest'. Since then, none of the beneficiaries have got permission to build houses on the sites.

Ms. Gopal told *The Hindu* that every time the panchayat held a grama sabha, a meeting with the villagers, people raised the same issue. "As many as 43 families, including mine, are waiting for the grant under Section 94C," she said. The issue has become a stumbling block to even granting land for the burial ground in the village.

Following repeated demands and protests by the villagers, MLA for Tirthahalli Araga Jnanendra and Deputy Commissioner Gurudatta Hegade visited the village.

When *The Hindu* contacted Mr. Hegade, the officer said he was aware of the issue. "The land has been recorded as forest. Once the land is recorded as forestland, it cannot be taken back," he said.

Opportunity to review

He said that following a recent Supreme Court direction, there was an opportunity to review the deemed forests. "Considering the old satellite maps, we can restore the status of the land. The State government is expected to launch a mobile-based application for this process. We have assured the villagers of resolving the problem," he added.

Dharmasthala 'crimes': CPI MP seeks NIA probe

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

P. Sandosh Kumar

Rajya Sabha member P. Sandosh Kumar of the Communist Party of India (CPI) on Saturday appealed to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah to order a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the alleged burials of bodies which took place in Dharmasthala village in Karnataka over a decade ago.

In a letter to Mr. Shah, he said, "... Recent developments have brought to the fore a grim reality that cannot be ignored. What appeared over the years as isolated incidents now unmistakably point to a disturbing and systematic pattern of crimes – primarily targeting women, often silenced through coercion, and concealed with frightening impunity..."

The MP said that a series of "unsolved crimes" over several decades, primarily targeting women, reveal chilling signs of systematic violence, concealment, and administrative silence in a town that is sacred to millions across India.

Since 1979

The letter cited a series of alleged crimes since 1979, especially involving young women, that remained uninvestigated and are part of "a larger, deeply troubling pattern".

"... In 1979, a school-teacher named Vedavalli was burnt alive in her bathroom after legally winning a promotion that some influential forces allegedly opposed. In 1986, Padmalatha, a young pre-university student and daughter of a local Communist leader, was kidnapped and later found naked and lifeless in the Netravati river – seemingly punished for her father's political stand. In 2004, medical student Ananya Bhat went missing during a visit to Dharmasthala; her mother, a CBI employee who tried to investigate, was physically attacked and fell into a coma. No FIR was ever filed. In 2012, two siblings – Narayan and Yamuna – were brutally murdered in their home, just metres away from the KSRTC bus stand. They had reportedly resisted pressure to vacate their land. Their house was razed soon after and replaced by a commercial building. That same year, 17-year-old Soujanya, a PU student, was abducted, raped, and murdered. A mentally ill man was quickly framed and jailed, only to be acquitted years later. Multiple witnesses died mysteriously during the course of the case..." the letter said.

'Criminal enterprise'

"...These are not isolated aberrations. Taken together, they reveal signs of an organised criminal enterprise – one that has flourished under administrative silence," wrote Mr. Kumar. He also flagged the alleged pattern of intimidation, harassment, and suppression faced by activists, RTI petitioners, journalists, and families who sought justice.

The MP said that despite widespread protests and appeals, the State government has failed to establish a credible Special Investigation Team (SIT), and the so-called 'acquittal review committee' was never properly constituted. The MP urged Mr. Shah to immediately transfer the matter to the NIA for a fair and credible investigation.

"Let me emphasise that this appeal is made in the firm belief that the spiritual sanctity of Dharmasthala must be protected – not just in ritual or appearance, but in truth, justice, and transparency," the MP wrote. Stressing that a town revered by millions cannot remain clouded by fear, suspicion, and buried truths, he added.

Kharge slams Modi's development claims

He says that if the State govt. had gone bankrupt, it could not have sanctioned ₹50 crore for each MLA to take up development works

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge tore into the Narendra Modi-led Union government at a rally in Mysuru on Saturday and trashed its development claims as hollow while asserting that only the Congress' guarantee schemes had brought relief to the people.

Mr. Kharge was speaking at 'Sadhana Samavesha' organised by the government, in which 74 development projects worth ₹2,578 crore were either inaugurated or foundation stone laid for them.

Highlighting progress: AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the 'Sadhana Samavesha' in Mysuru. M.A. SRIRAM

Copied schemes

The AICC chief said that though the BJP was critical of the guarantee schemes announced by the Congress in the run-up to the last Assembly elections in the State, the former had ended up announcing similar schemes in States where it is in power.

"But I have visited most of the BJP-ruled States in the country and none of their guarantee schemes have been implemented properly on the ground," said Mr. Kharge, who rebuked Mr. Modi for failure to implement welfare schemes. The Prime Minister should visit Karnataka and see for himself how the guarantee schemes have been implemented and how they have been benefiting crores of people, Mr. Kharge added.

Taking on the Modi-led government and the BJP on development issues, Mr. Kharge said that when the Congress is in power, it empowers the people socially and economically, while the BJP's policies result in the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few people.

Mr. Modi keeps asking what the Congress has done for the country during the years it was in power. But instead of talking of the Congress, let him tell the country what the BJP has done in the last 10 years, dared Mr. Kharge.

Economic viability

Dismissing sceptics who had questioned the economic viability of the guarantee schemes, Mr. Kharge claimed that if the government had gone bankrupt, it would not have sanctioned ₹50 crore for each MLA to take up development works or launched new projects. These are welfare schemes and they are benefiting crores of people, said Mr. Kharge. The five guarantee schemes of the Congress implemented in Karnataka are known all over the country, said Mr. Kharge and challenged the BJP to show one similar welfare programme launched by it which had worked on the ground.

The Congress president dismissed reports of the flight of capital from Bengaluru to Andhra Pradesh or other neighbouring States and said, on the contrary, investors were courting Karnataka. ''When the Congress is in power, Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, graces the State with prosperity but when the BJP is in power, she turns are back and flees,'' quipped Mr. Kharge.

Ready for debate

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, speaking on the occasion, dared the Opposition BJP and JD(S) to a debate on the development works in the State. The leaders of the two parties, who were misleading the people of the State "with a series of lies", should come to one platform for a debate on the development works of the government. "I too will come," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the Congress had silenced the Opposition parties with its works, and said the 'hasta' (the party's hand symbol) had given strength to women through the guarantees. "The government has given a befitting reply to its critics with its works. Each family gets around ₹5,000 a month through the guarantees, ensuring financial stability," he noted.

Blackmail tactics: BJP

Meanwhile, the BJP has described the 'Sadhana Samavesha' as "blackmail tactics" of Mr. Siddaramaiah to "threaten the Congress high command".

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, speaking in Kalaburagi, said, "When Mr. Siddaramaiah's position faces threat, he holds conventions to show his strength to the party high command."

He claimed the same tactic was used at the height of MUDA 'scam'.

Intemperate language

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, while mocking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for focusing more on talk than action, ended up using intemperate language in the process.

He remarked that the country has not seen a Prime Minister who appears on TV on a daily basis and "barks every morning".

On multiple occasions, Mr. Modi was addressed in the singular as well.

'Help small traders under GST law'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MP and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Saturday that there were certain exemptions under the GST law for conducting businesses, and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah must intervene in this matter and immediately provide relief to small traders.

In a post on X, he said the State Commercial Tax Department had aggressively targeted small and micro traders, imposing several years of tax dues along with interest and other charges. This had placed a heavy burden on street-side vendors and pushed them to the brink of shutting down their businesses, he said.

OFFICE OF THE
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CCC.ADM.II. 09/2025 (Manpower Outsource-7ACJM Courts ReTender) Date: 17.07.2025

e-TENDER NOTICATION

This Office invites e-Bidding Request For Proposals (Quotations) from Service providers who are interested to supply the Manpower through Outsource to the Office of the Courts of XLVII, XLVIII, XLIX, L, LI, LII and LIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City from eligible and interested Firms/Agencies/Operators having business/branch office at Bengaluru City only, portal through e-procurement **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/Auctions/live),** for a period of 3 years, renewable each year, from the date of commencement and extendable beyond, until the onboarding of next subsequent tenderer. The details of the numbers of manpower of different cadres required, are as under:

Item Code	Cadres	No.s	Total
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2. Tender Number (as issued by KPPP): **HCK/2025-26/SE0052-CALL 2 dated 17/07/2025**
3. Tender Name/Services sought for: **Manpower Services through Outsource to the Courts of XLVII, XLVIII, XLIX, L, LI, LII and LIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.**
4. Procuring Entity: **The Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru**
5. Validity of the Tender Contract: **3 years, renewable each year, subject to the satisfactory quality/performance or until order of discontinuation said Courts by the Hon'ble Government of Karnataka**
6. Bidding Mode : **Service Charge in Percentage(%) upto two decimal places only**
7. Estimated Approximate Total Tender Cost: ₹81,79,020/- per annum (Approx. Estimation based on calculations of present Basic pay, VDA and Service charges as per)
8. EMD Amount: **Rs. 81,790/-(1% of the estimated cost)**
9. Billing model: **Billing after completion of each calendar month, subject to the satisfactory performance.**
10. Closing Date & Time for submission of Tender proposal: **04.08.2025 at 3.00 p.m.**
11. Tender Opening Date & Time : **Technical : 05/08/2025 at 3.01 p.m. Financial: Upon approval of Technical Bid**
12. Office Contact Number & e-mail ID: **080 2293 9220, cccadm2@gmail.com**
13. Pre-bid Meeting : **25.07.2025 at 1.30 p.m.,** at The Chamber of Registrar, City Civil Court, Ground Floor, City Civil Court Complex, Next to Kaveri Bhavan, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-09. Location details on Google Maps: **XHFM+7F7 Bengaluru, Karnataka, or XHFM+6C Bengaluru, Karnataka 12.9731536, 77.5836655**
14. Pre-bid Meeting Attendance compulsory: **Yes. Certificate of Attendance issued by this Office, to be uploaded at relevant column in KPP portal.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/1937/Zen/2025-26 **Registrar,** City Civil Court, Bengaluru

K.K.R.T.C. CE DIVISION BALLARI

No.KKRTC / EE / CEB / DB /314 315, 316&319 /2025-26 Dated: 18.07.2025

E-PROCRUMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 11, 12, 13 & 14 / 2025-26

In E-procurement the contractors will have to upload all information's in website only. i.e. (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) contractors need to register in the KPPP portal to submit their bids online and any corrigendum for this notification will be published through Karnataka Public Procurement portal only. More information KPP Portal Helpline 080-25501216 / 25501227 or 08392-294828 / 9972039797

SL No	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender(Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs)
1	Construction of New Bus Station at Yarehanchinal Village (Tq Yelburga Dist Koppal)	300.00(Including All Taxes and GST)	3,75,000-00
2	Construction of New Bus Station at Uppaladinni Cross (Tq Yelburga, Dist Koppal.)	300.00(Including All Taxes and GST)	3,75,000-00
3	Construction of New Bus Station at Binnal Village (Tq Yelburga Dist Koppal.)	300.00(Including All Taxes and GST)	3,75,000-00
4	Construction of Bus Station at Mangalore Village (Tq. Kukunoor Dist Koppal)	600.00(Including All Taxes and GST)	7,50,000-00

DIPR/Ballari/286/KSMCA/2025-26 Sd/- Executive Engineer, K.K.R.T.C. CE Division, Ballari

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, KALABURAGI
Beside Mini Vidhan Soudha, Station Main road, Kalaburagi-585102
Email:commissionergda@gmail.com / Phone Number: 08472-239575

NO: KUDA/ALLOT/HAGARGA/50:50/2024-25 DATE : 19-07-2025

TIME EXTENSION NOTIFICATION OF HAGARGA 50:50 APPLICATION

The Notification for the Application of plots of various sizes in the 50:50 Hagarga Scheme of the Kalburagi Urban Development Authority under the Hagarga Farmers' Partnership was issued on 20-06-2025. In accordance with the said notification, the following extension notification has been issued. Therefore, the Honorable Chairman of KUDA has requested the public to take advantage of it.

Particulars	Already Published	Date of Extension
Application forms issuing date	23-06-2025 to 19-07-2025	22-07-2025 upto 5.30 PM
Last Date of Submission of Applications	22-07-2025 Evening 5:30 PM	25-07-2025 upto 5:30 pm

There will be no changes in the rules and regulations. For more information please visit KUDA office Kalaburagi during the office hours.

Sd/- Commissioner
DIPR/Kalaburagi/303/KSMC&A/2025-26 Urban Development Authority Kalaburagi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Chief Health Officer (Public Health),
BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building,
N.R.Square, Bengaluru-02

No. BBMP/2025-26/IND0149 Date: 18-07-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Tender from eligible bidders for the following work:
Tender for the supply of lab reagents, consumables, for UPHC, namma clinics, referral hospitals of BBMP under 15th finance commission Grants.
Following is the Events of Bid process :
(1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on **19-07-2025** onwards **(2)** Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting : **25-07-2025 at 11:00 AM** at the following venue : Office of the special commissioner health, 3rd floor, Annexe-3 Building, Bengaluru-560002. **(3)** Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : **25-07-2025 up to 5:00 pm (4)** Last Date and Time for uploading of e-Tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : **18-08-2025 up to 5:00 pm (5)** Date and Time of online opening of Technical Bids in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal : **19-08-2025 5:10 pm (6)** Date and Time of Demonstration of Sample submission : will be intimated after technical bid opening. **(7)** Address for communication : Chief Health Officer (Public Health), Office of the CHO, Ground Floor, Annexe-3 Building, Bengaluru-560002. Email : choph515@gmail.com Contact : 9845208571

Sd/- Chief Health Officer (Public Health)

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Sri. Sasikumar P(80)
Son of Late Dr. P.Balakrishnan & Late Kutti Kunjamma expired on 17/07/2025.
Deeply mourned by:
Wife - **Kala Sasikumar.**
Sons - **Dr P S Vivek & P S Balakrishnan.**
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INBRIEF

U.K. fighter jet to fly out soon from Kerala, repairs complete

The maintenance works on the grounded F-35B fighter jet of the Royal Air Force, U.K., has reportedly been completed at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in Kerala. The fifth-generation stealth aircraft manufactured by Lockheed Martin is expected to return to its base station in the U.K. by July 21 or 22, subject to the clearance from the Centre. The combat jet made an emergency landing at the airport on June 14.

Mu.Ka. Muthu, Karunanidhi's eldest son, passes away

Mu.Ka. Muthu, the eldest son of the late Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi and half-brother of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, died in Chennai on Saturday. He had been ailing for a long time. He was 77 and is survived by wife, son, and daughter.

Mr. Muthu was born to Karunanidhi's first wife Padmavathi. Trained in music, Mr. Muthu also rendered songs for films in which he was cast as a hero. His maiden feature film was *Pillaiyo Pillai*, released in 1970.

NIA chargesheets top CPI (Maoist) leader under UAPA

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) chargesheeted a senior leader of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) for actively being involved in a conspiracy to wage war against Government of India. The supplementary chargesheet was filed before the NIA Special Court in Hyderabad, naming C.P. Moideen alias Girish, under various provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, and the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

YSRCP MP Midhun Reddy arrested in liquor scam case

SIT arrests him after seven hours of questioning; the arrest was on the cards after the SC rejected his anticipatory bail petition on July 18; the leader claimed the case was politically motivated

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

After seven hours of grilling in the multi-crore liquor scam, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) police arrested YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader and Rajampet MP P.V. Midhun Reddy here on Saturday.

Mr. Reddy's arrest was on the cards after the Supreme Court rejected his plea for anticipatory bail on July 18.

The MP was charged with playing a key role in the scam.

He had conspired with the other accused to divert money collected from the distillery companies, it was alleged.

Rajampet MP P.V. Midhun Reddy on his way to the SIT office in Vijayawada on Saturday. G.N. RAO

Mr. Reddy, however, said that the case was politically motivated and that he was falsely implicated.

The SIT officials grilled the MP, who appeared before them for the second time on Saturday, on floating of new distillery firms, collection of kickbacks from traders, depositing of money into his companies, and links with the accused.

"I will fight legally over the false case," Mr. Reddy told the media before heading to the SIT office. The SIT would produce Mr. Reddy (Accused No. 4) in the ACB Special Court in Vijayawada on Sunday.

Chargesheet filed

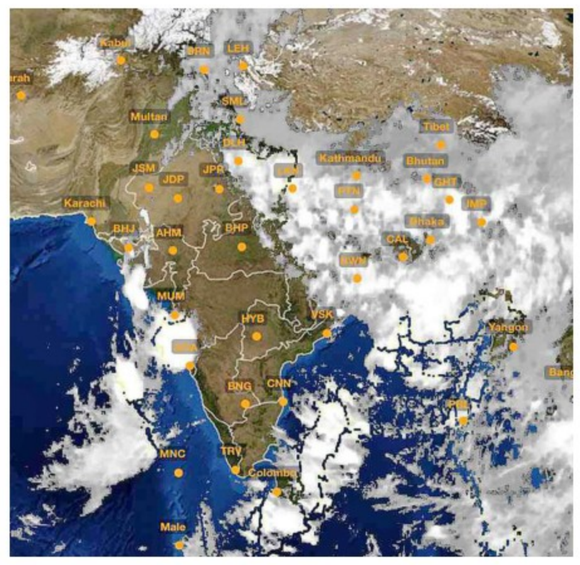
Meanwhile, the CID personnel filed the chargesheet in the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Special Court in Vijayawada.

The police also mentioned involvement of 40 accused, including officers of the State Beverages Corporation Limited, Prohibition and Excise in the case.

12 persons had so far been arrested in the case. Meanwhile, the SIT has summoned former Deputy Chief Minister and former Excise Minister K. Narayana Swamy on Monday.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.4	27.0	Kozhikode	30	27.3	23.1
Ahmedabad	6	31.4	25.4	Kurnool	0.7	31.8	24.0
Aizawl	—	28.2	21.5	Lucknow	—	34.9	26.5
Allahabad	—	34.8	27.4	Madurai	0.5	36.0	27.5
Bengaluru	0.2	27.9	20.3	Mangaluru	84	25.0	23.0
Bhopal	0.1	28.7	23.4	Mumbai	0.7	31.9	27.3
Bhubaneswar	5.7	34.4	27.3	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	1	35.4	26.5	New Delhi	9	34.5	25.2
Chennai	18.4	34.0	24.8	Patna	—	36.4	28.2
Coimbatore	0.7	28.8	23.4	Port Blair	34	30.0	24.2
Dehradun	—	33.4	25.1	Puducherry	—	34.3	25.2
Gangtok	5	23.6	20.0	Pune	3.5	30.6	25.6
Goa	20	29.7	24.4	Raipur	0.2	34.4	26.8
Guwahati	0.6	34.9	27.4	Ranchi	26.2	31.8	23.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	—	25.4	18.4
Hyderabad	41	32.6	22.4	Shimla	3	28.0	20.0
Imphal	6	31.6	25.2	Srinagar	—	29.7	21.6
Jaipur	35	31.5	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	40	28.2	22.6
Kochi	52	26.2	23.8	Tiruchi	—	34.7	26.4
Kohima	—	26.9	19.5	Vijayawada	—	36.4	26.0
Kolkata	43	33.3	27.5	Visakhapatnam	0.7	34.7	27.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	105	.64	62	74	
Bengaluru	.12	.14	.36	33	110	
Chennai	.15	.20	.51	46	76	
Delhi	.4	.10	149	27	40	
Hyderabad	.10	.13	.44	99	94	
Kolkata	.10	.89	.27	39	51	
Lucknow	.11	.35	.35	48	72	
Mumbai	.22	.11	.18	64	76	
Pune	.—	.52	.73	43	93	
Visakhapatnam	.10	.31	.15	43	68	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 325 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

915 ha to be acquired for industrial park

P. Sudhakar
TIRUNELVELI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's announcement of setting up a SIPCOT Industrial Park in Nanguneri has started taking definitive shape, as the Tamil Nadu government has notified the acquisition of 915.03 hectares of *patta* and government poramboke lands near Nanguneri for the proposed industrial estate. When Mr. Stalin visited the district on February 7, he announced that the SIPCOT would establish industrial estates in Nanguneri and Moolaikkaraipatti. Subsequently, the notification for acquiring 826.86 ha of private *patta* land and 88.17 ha of poramboke land was issued.

"An Indian major having its presence in a range of product manufacturing is likely to have its unit here for producing shoes, sports footwear, sneakers, etc.," a senior official told *The Hindu*.

TTD suspends four 'non-Hindu' staffers

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUPATI

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), an independent trust that manages various temples, suspended four employees on Saturday, on the charges of following faiths other than Hinduism.

The suspended employees were identified as B. Elizar, Deputy Executive Engineer, S. Rosi, a staff nurse at BIRRD Hospital, M. Premavati, pharmacist at BIRRD Hospital, and G. Asuntha, working in SV Ayurveda Pharmacy. Ten days ago, another senior official was suspended for the same violation.

"The employees did not follow the institution's code of conduct and acted irresponsibly while performing their duties as employees working in a Hindu religious organisation," the management said.

The action was taken based on a report by the Vigilance Department.

Red alert in two districts of Kerala amid heavy rainfall

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Most parts of Kerala witnessed a surge in monsoon activity in the past two days, fuelled by strong westerlies in the lower troposphere level. The strong weather conditions are expected to continue on Sunday as well for northern and central parts of Kerala.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert for Kannur and Kasaragod, warning of extreme heavy rainfall, and an orange alert for Kozhikode, Wayanad, Malappuram, Thrissur, Palakkad, Ernakulam, and Idukki on Sunday, where very heavy rainfall is likely.

Making a splash

Holding the pose: Swimmers taking part in the 10th A.P Sub Junior and Junior Aquatic Championship 2025 that began at GVMC's Aqua Sports Complex in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. V. RAJU

Didn't say anything against Gandhi family in article on Emergency: Shashi Tharoor

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said here on Saturday that he had not said anything against the Gandhi family in his controversial article on the Emergency.

"I have mentioned about some individuals and incidents that happened at that time in the article," he told mediapersons on the sidelines of a meeting on 'Peace, Unity and National Development' organised by the Council for Community Co-operation. "You can read it to understand it. There is nothing new in the article," he said.

Shashi Tharoor

On the survey that projected him as the best suited to become the Chief Minister of Kerala, which he had shared on the social media platform X recently, Mr. Tharoor said that it was not done by him. "I had only shared it," he said.

In his speech at the meeting, Mr. Tharoor said nation comes first to his mind. Parties are a means to make the nation better. "Whichever party you belong to, the objective of that party is to create a better India in its own way. Now, parties have every right -to disagree about the best way of doing that," he said.

He said that a lot of people were critical of him because of the stance that he had taken supporting the armed forces and the Union government on Operation Sindoor. "But I will stand my ground because it is the right thing for the country," he said.

New TB skin test by Kerala govt. offers simple, accurate way to detect disease

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Health authorities in Kerala have introduced a new intradermal test called Cy-TB for detecting and treating tuberculosis (TB) infection following the prioritisation of latent TB infection treatment under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP).

TB infection is different from active TB disease. A person with TB infection harbours the organism causing TB infection (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*) in the body. But the organism remains dormant or inactive in the body and the person neither has any TB symptoms nor is he contagious. If left untreated, 5-10% of them will progress to developing active TB disease when the body's immune system weakens. This could happen within weeks of acquiring the infection or maybe years.

A community-based cross-sectional study among adults in Thiruvananthapuram district in 2023 had reported that 20.5% of the adult population have tuberculosis infection. The study tested whole blood samples of 396 adults for TB infection and found that the prevalence of TB infection increased with age, ranging from 11.5% in the 18-35 age group to 30.3% in the 58-years-plus age group.

Cy-TB is a third generation test approved by the

The State currently uses Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test for detection.

Central TB Division.

Blood test detection

Since 2021, Kerala has been using the blood test Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) for detecting TB infection. However, this test required extensive laboratory support and it had a waiting period too. There were also systemic difficulties in rolling it out.

Cy-TB is a highly specific, accurate and user-friendly skin test, wherein 0.1 ml dose of M. tuberculosis-specific antigens (ESAT-6 and CFP-10) are injected into the skin in the inner forearm. An induration (a raised area) of 5 mm or more which develops on the skin within 48-72 hours indicates TB infection.

Cy-TB will be offered in district TB centres, taluk hospitals, at the block level in some districts and in all dialysis centres. The test is currently available in major private hospitals.

IISER partners with Kerala Police to develop AI-driven crime monitoring

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Thiruvananthapuram are working on developing Artificial Intelligence-driven crime monitoring and analysis tools in partnership with the Kerala Police, according to a report presented at the 13th convocation of the institute on Saturday.

The partnership was between the newly launched School of Data Science of IISER and the intelligence wing of the Kerala Police, according to the report presented by IISER Thiruvananthapuram Director J.N. Moorthy.

The campus of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at Vithura in Thiruvananthapuram. FILE PHOTO

IISER Thiruvananthapuram had established the School of Data Science and the School of Earth, Environmental, and Sustainability Sciences given the rise of AI and climate change as two pivotal developments that presented opportunities to make a meaningful impact, he said.

Focus on data science

Dr. Moorthy said that IISER Thiruvananthapuram had entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Kerala government's Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP) to develop skilled human resources in data science. It had also entered into an MoU with the Technopark Technology Business Incubator and the Kerala Startup Mission to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and the startup ecosystem.

IISER Thiruvananthapuram, started in 2008, gave priority to strengthening ties between academia and industry, Dr. Moorthy said.

The School of Data Science has received funding from the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, to develop AI-based approaches for secure communication in 6G-assisted edge networks.

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SC to hear Article 143 reference on July 22

The President's move to seek clarity under the top court's advisory jurisdiction arises from an April 8 judgment by a Supreme Court Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan on a petition filed by the Tamil Nadu government challenging the Governor's delay in clearing 10 re-passed Bills, and his subsequent action to reserve them for consideration by the President.

The two-judge Bench had ruled that the Governor's action was illegal. This had led to the default cancellation of the President's decision to assent to one of the 10 Bills, while rejecting seven and not considering two others.

The verdict, authored by Justice Pardiwala, had invoked Article 142 of the Constitution to deem that all 10 Bills had got assent. The reference has now sought the court's opinion on the very "contours and scope" of Article 142.

"Can the Constitutional powers of the President/Governors be substituted by a judicial order exercising Article 142? Is Article 142 limited to matters of procedural law or does it extend to issuing directions contrary to or inconsistent with existing substantive or procedural provisions of the Constitution?" it asked.

Indirectly questioning the validity of the "deemed" assent, the reference has asked whether a law made by a State Legislature could even "be considered a law in force without the assent of the Governor".

"Are decisions of the Governor and the President under Articles 200 and 201, respectively, justiciable at a stage prior to even the Bill in question becoming a law? Is it permissible for the courts to undertake judicial adjudication over the contents of a Bill, in any manner, before it becomes law?" the Presidential reference queried.

It said that the "concept of deemed assent" of the President and the Governor, introduced in the judgment, was alien to the constitutional scheme, and worked to fundamentally circumscribe the power of the President and Governors. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar had called Article 142 a "nuclear missile against democratic forces".

In his judgment, Justice Pardiwala had explained that Article 142 was invoked only to do complete justice in public interest for the people of Tamil Nadu.

Minor girl set ablaze in critical condition

Preliminary reports said the girl was on her way to her uncle's house in the Balanga police station limits in the morning when she was stopped by three persons. She was allegedly forcibly taken to the banks of Bhargavi river and assaulted and doused with an inflammable substance before being set on fire. Her mother has filed a police complaint, alleging that there was an attempt to murder her daughter. She said that after being set on fire, the girl managed to break free from the assailants and ran for help, screaming in pain.

A man from a nearby house came to her aid and managed to douse the flames.As local people began to gather at the spot, the miscreants fled the scene. "When the girl was rescued, she was able to speak, but she could not identify the assailants," Pinak Mishra, Superintendent of Police incharge, Puri, said.

Indian fishermen's arrest lays bare uneasy Delhi-Dhaka ties

Bangladesh authorities arrested 34 fishermen on two trawlers near Mongla port; policymakers view this as 'absence of understanding' between India and Bangladesh after fall of the Hasina govt.

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NEW DELHI

For the second time in the past one year, Bangladesh has detained Indian fishermen, official sources said on Saturday. The development is being viewed by policymakers as a growing "absence of understanding" between the two sides against the backdrop of a seemingly uneasy relationship between Dhaka and New Delhi.

The latest incident took place during the intervening night of July 14 and 15 when 34 Indian fishermen on two trawlers – *FB Jhor* and *FB Ma Mangal Chandi* – were apprehended by Bangladesh authorities near the Mongla port.

"As soon as information about the incident was received, our High Commission in Bangladesh took up the matter with Bangladeshi authorities through diplomatic channels seeking immediate consular access. We are constantly pursuing the matter for facilitating the safe and early return of all the fishermen along with their boats," said an official dealing with the matter.

Confusing state: Lack of visible markers at the boundary cause fishers to stray across the agreed line in the Bay of Bengal. FILE PHOTO

On October 8, 2009, Bangladesh initiated an arbitration to settle the maritime boundary dispute with India, and, in 2014, a settlement was reached through the Permanent Court of Arbitration. But though the maritime boundary was decided, lack of visible markers meant fishermen often strayed across the agreed line in the Bay of Bengal.

Unwritten understanding

India and Bangladesh arrested 185 fishermen in the winter of 2024 as bilateral ties plummeted following the overthrow of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, 2024. On January 5 this year, these individuals were exchanged when 95 Indian fishermen were handed over by Bangladesh authorities to the Indian Coast Guard. In response, India returned 90 Bangladeshi fishermen on the same day. As a matter of convention, both sides had an understanding that fishermen would have to be protected as they had no means to detect the invisible maritime boundary.

Such fishermen who crossed the boundary after the settlement of 2014 would often get detained but as part of an "unwritten understanding" supported by political leaders on both sides, these individuals would be quickly released as prolonged detention hurts economic prospects of fishermen in this region.

However, the incidents of apprehension of fishermen are being interpreted by policymakers as a sign that the earlier "unwritten understanding" regarding fishermen is no longer being respected.

The Hindu was told that Bangladesh is applying the law in a "stricter" manner which is leading to largescale and prolonged detention of Indian fishermen.

Outrage in Odisha over teenage girl being set on fire

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Even as the tragic death of a girl student at a college in Balasore remains fresh in public memory, the broad daylight attack and setting ablaze of a 15-year-old girl by miscreants on Saturday has kept the political cauldron burning in Odisha. The Mohan Majhi government has been facing criticism for its failure to restore law and order.

Both Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Congress workers took to the streets to register their outrage over the crime. Congress women's wing members hurled tomatoes and eggs at the residence of Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida.

Former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said on X, "These are not stray cases of violence. It shows that criminals have become emboldened under the present government and are not worried about being punished."

In a post on X, senior Congress leader K.C. Venugopal said, "The BJP government, busy helping its cronies loot the State, should take full responsibility for the law and order collapse in the State and address this crisis at the earliest."

"The girl has been shifted to AIIMS in Bhubaneswar. The government will bear the entire cost of her treatment. The police has been directed to arrest the culprits immediately and take strict action against them," said Ms. Parida.

Govt. launches 'Shaktishree' for safety of girls

BHUBANESWAR
The Odisha Government on Saturday announced a special programme, Shaktishree, to ensure safety of girls in institutes of higher education in Odisha. Shaktishree, based on eight different key components, will help ensure a safe academic environment in colleges and universities and provide self-defence training to girl students, the State government said.

Police arrest five persons from Kolkata for shooting dead gangster in Patna hospital

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The West Bengal Police and Bihar Police, in a joint operation on Saturday, arrested five persons from New Town in Kolkata in connection with the murder of gangster Chandan Kumar Mishra. Mishra, who was out on parole, was shot dead at a hospital in Patna on Thursday.

The five were apprehended from a housing complex in New Town during joint raids by the Bihar Police and the Special Task Force of the West Bengal Police.

They are likely to be taken on transit remand.

According to a high-ranking official of the West Bengal Police, the accused allegedly fled from Patna after committing the crime and were hiding in a residential complex in New Town from where they were finally arrested.

They were tracked down by tracing their mobile signals.

Caught on CCTV

According to the police, Mishra was a resident of Buxar district and was a dreaded criminal imprisoned in Beur Jail in connection with a murder case. After he was shot, he died of his injuries at the hospital.

The police had seen all six of the gang in CCTV footages while riding away on two bikes – one of them was waving a pistol in the air.

Viral video: Five men spotted in purported CCTV footage, outside the ICU of a hospital before shooting Chandan Mishra. PTI

Office of Patna Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Kartikey K. Sharma, in a press note, said that culprits involved in the murder and another accused who assisted the culprits have been identified.

"Proclamation orders have been issued against the three main criminals involved in the murder. Continuous raids are being conducted at various locations to arrest them. Some other individuals are also being questioned," the SSP said in the statement.

Meanwhile, five policemen, including a sub-inspector and two ASIs, were suspended for dereliction of duty. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Patna (Central) SP Diksha said that they have been suspended with immediate effect as they were on patrol duty at the time of the murder.

The murder of Mishra caught national limelight after the video footage of the incident went viral. In the video, five shooters were seen taking out arms and entering a room in the hospital to shoot Mishra.

J&K woman killed after bullet fired by guard hits her

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A woman was found dead in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir, apparently after a bullet fired by a Village Defence Guard (VDG) hit her on Friday night.

Initial reports suggested that the victim, identified as Pushpa Devi (35), wife of Rakesh Kumar, is a local resident and was hit by a bullet. A VDG has claimed that it was an accidental fire.

The J&K police, which has launched an investigation to ascertain the exact circumstances, has not divulged any details about the incident.

NIRF to now award institutions negative scores for retractions from journals

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CHENNAI

In a first, starting this year, the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) will award negative scores to higher educational institutions for papers that have been retracted from journals in the last three calendar years and their corresponding citations.

"This year, we will award some negative weightage for retracted papers and their citations. Next year, the penalty will be harsher," says Anil Sahashrabudhe, Chairperson of the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), the agency managing the NIRF. This is the first time the NIRF will be awarding negative weightage while calculating the ranking.

"Both the number of retractions as well as citations from these retracted papers will be taken into account," Dr. Sahashrabudhe says. "We are also learning and will fine-tune the negative scoring system as we go." "By awarding a negative score for retractions, we want to send out a strong message that research should be conducted ethically," he says.

Unethical practices

While most of the retractions are due to unethical research practices such as data fabrication, manipulation of images, using the same image in multiple papers dealing with completely different materials, using large language models (LLMs) without proper disclosure and so on, some are due to genuine mistakes. It is for this reason that journals do not wish to give the impression that retractions are necessarily bad. Will it be correct to penalise institutions for retractions that have been due to genuine mistakes and not unethical practices? "Retractions due to genuine mistakes are far less, and that had been happening some years ago. But most of the retractions now are due to unethical practices," he asserts.

PSU dividends to Central govt. almost double over last five years

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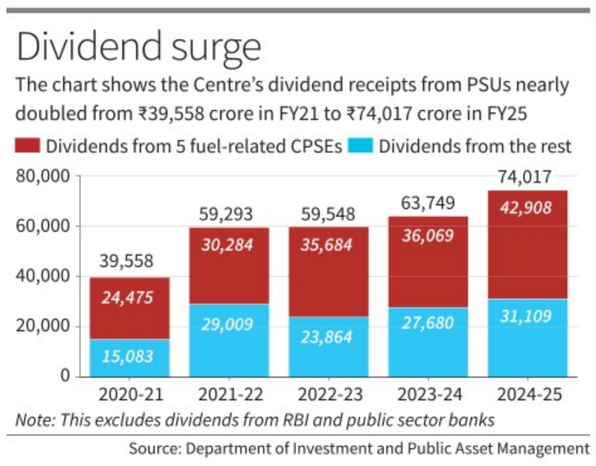
Over the past five years, the Centre has nearly doubled the dividends it has received from public sector undertakings (PSUs) to ₹74,000 crore, with an analysis by *The Hindu* showing it relies heavily on a few oil, gas, and coal companies for a large chunk of these dividends.

The analysis excluded dividends from the Reserve Bank of India and the nationalised banks.

The analysis of company-wise dividend data from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management shows that five fuel-related PSUs accounted for 42% of the total dividends the government has collected since the financial year 2020-21.

These companies – Coal India Ltd, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL), and Gail (India) – contributed ₹1.27 lakh crore, or 42.3% of the total ₹3 lakh crore dividends the Centre received from non-banking PSUs between 2020-21 and 2024-25.



The data also show that the two directly owned public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) – IOC and BPCL – together saw a 255% increase in their dividend payouts to the government since 2022-23 and a 65% decrease in oil prices. However, they only passed on a 2% decrease in petrol prices to the public. The third public sector OMC, Hindustan Petroleum, is owned by ONGC, and not directly by the government.

The total dividends from non-banking PSUs have also grown consistently since the COVID-19 pandemic. The government collected ₹39,558 crore as dividends from these companies in 2020-21, which almost doubled to ₹74,017 crore by 2024-25.

According to sources in the government, this is due to a "calibrated" approach to balance revenues from disinvestments and dividends.

"The government's disinvestment policy announced during the pandemic is still very much in place, but it is not progressing as fast as it was initially hoped," the official told *The Hindu*. "At the same time, many PSUs are turning profitable and so the government is maximising the dividends it can earn from them."

An office memorandum sent out by DIPAM in November 2024 to all departments of the government and the managing directors of all PSUs laid out new rules for how much dividends these companies must pay their shareholders, the largest of which is the government of India.

According to the new rules, every Central PSU must pay a minimum annual dividend of 30% of its Profit After Tax (PAT) or 4% of its net worth, whichever is higher. In fact, the government has pushed these PSUs to pay dividends much higher than this mandatory amount.

"The CPSEs [Central Public Sector Enterprises] are advised to strive paying higher dividend taking into account relevant factors such as profitability, capex requirements with due leveraging, cash reserves and net worth," it said.

IOC and BPCL saw their combined dividend payouts to the government increase 255% between 2022-23 and 2024-25, from ₹2,435 crore to ₹8,653 crore.

J&K administration stopped protest for full Statehood: Cong.

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Congress on Saturday accused the Lieutenant-Governor administration of blocking its "peaceful protests" in Srinagar over the restoration of "full Statehood" to Jammu and Kashmir.

Congress leaders alleged that security forces blocked gates of the Congress headquarters in Srinagar and allegedly detained several leaders, including elected legislators like Irfan Hafiz Lone, who were travelling from other districts to attend the protest rally.

The Congress supporters raised slogans such as '*Hamari Riyasat, Hamara Haq*', '*Hamari Pehchan, Hamara Haq*' and '*Hamara Pani, Hamara Haq*' slogans, as they made a bid to march towards the city centre Lal Chowk. The bid, however, was foiled by the police who manned the gates of the Congress office.

"The J&K Police halted our peaceful march, blocked us inside the office, where we were demanding the restoration of Statehood, a right unjustly taken from us," J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra said.

He described the police's move to restrict and detain the party leaders from joining the protest march as "heavy-handed and undemocratic use of police power".

"Our voices will not deter us. Statehood was promised on the floor of Parliament, and the Honourable Supreme Court directed its restoration. Yet, the L-G administration continues to obstruct our legitimate demand. We will not be silenced. Our resolve is stronger than ever, and no force can stop the people of Jammu and Kashmir from reclaiming what is rightfully ours," the JKPCC chief said.

Cong. says security forces blocked gates of its headquarters in Srinagar and allegedly detained several leaders

INDIA bloc parties to question foreign policy 'failures' of govt.

Leaders of 24 parties hold online meeting to chalk out strategy for the Monsoon Session of Parliament; a discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack, statehood for J&K, the electoral rolls revision in Bihar and delimitation among issues to be raised

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NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge say the Opposition will raise several issues in Parliament. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

The Opposition will highlight the government's failure to apprehend the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack and U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated claims on brokering peace between India and Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, the leaders of 24 INDIA bloc parties decided at a virtual meeting on Saturday evening.

The meeting comes ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which is scheduled to begin on Monday. Sources said the parties have also decided to hold a protest against the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar ahead of the Assembly polls in the State. The parliamentary floor leaders could have another meeting, after the all-party meeting hosted by the government on Sunday.

The demand for statehood for Jammu and Kashmir will also be raised during the session. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had recently written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the subject. National Conference leader and J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said that the Opposition must be firm on this demand.

Addressing pressperson at the end of the meeting, Congress leader Pramod Tiwari said the leaders had listed eight priority issues, though this by no means is an exhaustive list of all the subjects that the Opposition plans to raise. "The issue that directly impacts the pride of 140 crore Indians is why, even after so many days, the government has failed to nab terrorists responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack," he said.

"U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated claim, at least 24 times, is that he used America's trade deal as the negotiating card to broker peace between India and Pakistan. And in face of these claims our Prime Minister has been mute. We will raise this issue," he added.

There was speculation that the Trinamool Congress could skip the meeting, but the party's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was present. Sources said that Mr. Banerjee questioned why the Intelligence Bureau chief Tapan Deka got an extension even though the J&K Lt. Governor himself admitted that "intelligence failure" led to the terror attack.

The meeting began with Mr. Kharge presenting a brief outline on what the Opposition expected from the government during the Monsoon Session of Parliament. He said that the "foreign policy failure" in the context of the Pahalgam terror attack needs to be addressed. Mr. Gandhi, in a very brief intervention, said that India's "recent failures in foreign policy is intricately connected to the Pahalgam terror attack". During this discussion, Mr. Tiwari said the Opposition will also raise India's stand on "Israel's brutal and persistent attack on Gaza".

"We expect the Prime Minister to be present during the debate on these issues," Mr. Tiwari added.

Several parties also raised the issue of the impending delimitation, which is of deep concern to the southern States that are anticipating a possible reduction in seats in Parliament because of the exercise.

CPI general secretary D. Raja flagged Mr. Gandhi's recent remarks equating the CPI(M) and RSS. According to sources, he said leaders should not raise statements that "create conflict" among the INDIA bloc constituents and "confusion among the people".

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader and Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren also participated.

Nearly 32 lakh voters yet to submit enumeration forms in Bihar: poll body

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Through check: A Booth Level Officer checking documents during SIR of electoral rolls in Bihar. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Nearly 32 lakh voters are yet to submit their enumeration forms in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, with just six days left for the July 25 deadline.

In all, 90.64% of the 7,89,69,844 electors have submitted the forms. Around 5.27% of the electors have not been found at their addresses. Of them, 1.81% have probably died; 0.95% are probably enrolled at multiple places; 2.5% have probably permanently shifted; and 0.01% are not traceable.

The Election Commission (EC) said in a statement on Saturday that 32,23,023 enumeration forms were yet to be received.

The poll body said it was making all possible efforts to ensure that the remaining nearly 32 lakh electors were added to the draft electoral roll to be published on August 1. Booth-level officers (BLOs) had already completed over three rounds of the house-to-house visits and had established contact with the electors.

"A concerted effort by the entire electoral machinery along with yet another round of visits by the BLOs has also been started to establish contact with the remaining electors," the EC said.

Nearly one lakh BLOs, four lakh volunteers, and 1.5 lakh booth-level agents (BLAs) appointed by political parties and their district presidents were working together in a mission mode to ensure the name of no eligible elector was left out from the draft electoral roll, the EC said.

The EC, through countrywide newspaper advertisements and all other possible means of communication, was informing Bihar electors who had temporarily moved to any other part of the country about the revision, to enrol the remaining urban electors. In accordance with the SIR order dated June 24, in case any name had been added by mistake or had been left out, or if there was any error in the draft electoral roll to be published on August 1, it could be rectified by August 30.

Cong. plans 'economic blockade' to protest arrest of Chaitanya

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Ex-CM's son was arrested on Friday by ED in connection with the alleged liquor scam in State

Throwing its weight behind former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee on Saturday announced a Statewide "economic blockade" to protest against the arrest of Mr. Baghel's son Chaitanya Baghel by the Enforcement Directorate.

Mr. Chaitanya was arrested on Friday by the agency in connection with the alleged liquor scam in the State. Calling the arrest a conspiracy to pressure the Congress leadership in the State and allow the loot of its mineral resources, Chhattisgarh Congress chief Deepak Baij said that the "economic blockade" would be enforced on Tuesday. "The Congress party is ready to fight for the rights of the people at every level," he said.

Mr. Baghel likened his son's arrest to those of other Congress leaders Devendra Yadav, MLA who is facing charges in an arson case in which a Superintendent of Police office was set ablaze, and jailed ex-Minister Kawasi Lakhma, an accused in the scam.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra accused the BJP of "dedicating" the forests of Chhattisgarh to Mr. Adani.

Rahul is misusing his Lok Sabha position to defend Vadra, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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> **SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI**
> BJP leader

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday attacked the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, for defending his brother-in-law, Robert Vadra, in connection with an alleged Haryana land deal scam, in which the Enforcement Directorate has filed a prosecution complaint against Mr. Vadra and 10 others.

After the ED filed the complaint, Mr. Gandhi alleged that his brother-in-law had been hounded by the government over the past decade and that the "truth shall prevail".

On Saturday, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said all the senior Congress leaders had come together to shield each other's corruption.

"Rahul Gandhi, the perpetual youth leader of Indian politics, has expressed his frustration while reacting to the legal proceedings against the country's 'most hard-working and helpless farmer' Robert Vadra. Out on bail, Rahul Gandhi has come forward to protect the ill-gotten assets amassed by his brother-in-law through corruption," he alleged.

The BJP leader claimed that the Congress's objective was that "even if they do not have political ground, they must possess the land of the farmers. Even if they lack political power, they must have the strength of money earned through corruption, and for that, they are willing to divide Indian society by region, language, or caste".

"Rahul Gandhi must clarify that if this was a family matter, then why is he making political allegations? Was the tweet made by Rahul Gandhi in his personal capacity, or was he misusing his position as Leader of the Opposition to defend his brother-in-law?" he asked.

Responding to the Congress's criticism of the government over the statement by U.S. President Donald Trump on the Pahalgam attack, Mr. Trivedi said: "The problem with the Congress is that they tend to see negativity in everything that is excellent. It is a result of India's strong diplomatic capabilities that the United States has declared the Pahalgam attackers "TRF" terrorist organisation, and even China has today condemned the Pahalgam terror attack."

Left parties to step up protests against poll roll revision in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Left parties have decided to step up their protests against the Election Commission's special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

While the Communist Party of India (Marxist) said here on Saturday that the party would organise a nationwide protest against the SIR on August 8, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation said its MPs, along with the INDIA bloc MPs, would raise the matter in Parliament and a delegation of the party's leaders would meet EC officials on July 22.

A statement of the CPI (M) Polit Bureau said the EC wanted to extend the SIR exercise to the entire country. "In the name of revising the electoral rolls, the EC is appropriating the authority to verify the citizenship of voters, which is outside its constitutional remit. Under the baseless pretext of weeding out foreigners from the electoral rolls, they are disenfranchising vast sections of minorities and other select groups," the CPI(M) said.

It added that the entire process is fraught with various violations, and even the right to vote guaranteed by the Constitution may be denied to many.

Meanwhile, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya said there was no provision for a citizenship certificate and the SIR was against the provisions in Constitution.

BJP is persecuting Bengali speakers in Assam, claims Mamata; Himanta hits back

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

> Divisive agenda of the BJP in Assam has crossed all limits and people of Assam will fight back
> **MAMATA BANERJEE**
> West Bengal Chief Minister

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Bengali language and identity was paramount to the Bharatiya Janata Party, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said the BJP was persecuting Bengali speakers in Assam.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hit back stating that the West Bengal Chief Minister had "compromised Bengal's future – encouraging illegal encroachment by a particular community appeasing one religious community for vote banks and remaining silent as border infiltration eats away at national integrity – all just to stay in power".

Ms. Banerjee, in a social media post, highlighted that Bengali was the second most spoken language in the country and also in Assam and to "threaten citizens, who want to coexist peacefully respecting all languages and religions, with persecution for upholding their own mother tongue is discriminatory and unconstitutional".

The Trinamool Congress chairperson said that this "divisive agenda of the BJP in Assam has crossed all limits and people of Assam will fight back". Ms. Banerjee said she stood with "every fearless citizen who is fighting for the dignity of their language and identity, and their democratic rights".

Refuting her charges, the Assam Chief Minister said that in his State, the government was not fighting its own people but "fearlessly resisting the ongoing, unchecked Muslim infiltration from across the border, which has already caused an alarming demographic shift".

'Becoming a minority'

"In several districts, Hindus are now on the verge of becoming a minority in their own land. This is not a political narrative – it's a reality," he said in a social media post.

Mr. Sarma said that even the Supreme Court had termed such infiltration external aggression.

There have been several reports of migrant workers from West Bengal being targeted in various BJP-ruled States and Ms. Banerjee took to the streets on June 16 threatening protests all across the country if the persecution does not stop.

Family from Bengal deported by police to Bangladesh, says MP

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

A woman from Murarai in Birbhum district of West Bengal has claimed that she and five of her family members were picked up from the Rohini area in Delhi and forcibly deported to Bangladesh.

In her video message, shared by Chairperson of the West Bengal Migrant Welfare Board and Rajya Sabha member Samirul Islam on Saturday, Sweety Bibi appealed to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to help her return to India.

"We were arrested in Delhi, where we had gone to work. We showed our Aadhaar card and pleaded that we were not Bangladeshis, but the police threatened us. They said they will make us Bangladeshis," Ms. Bibi is heard saying in the video.

"She is a permanent resident of the Murarai Assembly constituency and her family has lived there for generations. But no, she isn't speaking from her ancestral home. She is now in Bangladesh, where she and five others, including three minors, were deported by the Delhi Police," Mr. Islam said on social media.

On PM's remarks

Referring to remarks made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, when he spoke about "Bengali *asmita* [pride]" being paramount to the BJP, the MP said, "@narendramodi, you came to Bengal and spoke extensively about infiltration. Let me introduce you to a woman named Sweety Biwi, an Indian citizen from Birbhum – the land of Rabindranath Tagore. In the video, she shares the painful ordeal she's going through."

"What a tragedy! Despite being Indian citizens, their only "crime" was speaking Bengali in BJP-ruled Delhi, where they had lived for years," Mr. Islam said.

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INBRIEF

Waive ₹13,300-cr. CRPF dues in Jharkhand: Soren to Shah

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding that the Centre waive ₹13,299.69-crore dues in lieu of deployment of the CRPF for carrying out anti-Maoists operations in the State. The Jharkhand Information and Public Relation Department shared this information on Friday. "Rooting out the problem of extremism is the joint responsibility of the State and Central governments. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the State government has engaged in economic revival, dealing with disasters and successful implementation of other public welfare schemes," Mr. Soren stated.

Three police officers jailed for BJP worker's murder in Bengal

Three police officers have been sent to jail in relation to the murder of BJP worker Abhijit Sarkar in the 2021 post-poll violence case in West Bengal. There were reports of unrest in many parts of the State after the 2021 Assembly election. It was during such an incident the BJP worker was killed in Kakurgachi. The police officers who are under the scanner are Subhajit Sen, then officer in-charge of the Narkeldanga police station. He retired in November 2024 as an assistant commissioner. Ratna Sarkar (sub-inspector), the then investigating officer of the case, and Dipankar Debnath, a home guard, are also named in the chargesheet.

India's water will now flow only for its people: J&K L-G

Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said India's water will flow for its people and stop in the country only, while referring to the now-in-abeyance Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). "India will have full control over the Jhelum and Chenab rivers," the L-G said. He made these remarks while releasing Sant Kumar Sharma's book *Indus Waters Treaty: Mirroring the Facts*. Mr. Sinha said, "We will never forget April 22 when Pakistan-born and trained terrorists killed our innocent civilians... Pakistan had never dreamt that before launching a military operation, India would act in a way that will rattle Pakistan."

ICMR seeks collaboration for malaria vaccine production

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi, has invited Expression of Interest from eligible organisations, companies and manufacturers for undertaking 'Transfer of Technology' for commercialisation of "a recombinant chimeric multi-stage malaria vaccine (AdFalciVax) against *Plasmodium falciparum*". The goal is to facilitate the commercialisation of this vaccine to prevent and minimise malaria transmission. The Council noted that it would provide technical support through its team of experienced scientists in study planning, product development, results/data analysis, and outcome assessment.

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Student found dead at Noida university; two detained

Alisha Dutta
NEW DELHI

A 20-year-old dental student at a private university in Greater Noida was found dead in the hostel on the campus on Friday night.

"On Friday, a girl student of Sharda University died by suicide in the university hostel. Police received information, reached the scene, and got the postmortem conducted swiftly," Greater Noida Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Sudhir Kumar said.

Based on the family's complaint, the police lodged an FIR against five people. "Five people have been named in the FIR, out of which two people have been taken into custody for questioning," Mr. Kumar said. "We have told the university to implement procedures to ensure such incidents don't happen again," he added. The police said a purported note was found in the hostel room of the deceased in which she wrote that she was under mental duress after two faculty members "humiliated" her.

Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can seek help and counselling by calling Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health, 011-40769002.

Doctor from Pak. 'stateless', moves HC for citizenship

Nanikraz Khanoomal Mukhi moved to India in 2009 for his children's education and to escape possible religious persecution; he applied for citizenship in 2016 but it has remained elusive

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A 50-year-old doctor from Pakistan has been "stateless" for the past four years and has decided to move the Gujarat High Court with the hope of pushing officials to help him secure Indian citizenship.

Nanikraz Khanoomal Mukhi, who had a sonography clinic in Pakistan's Hyderabad, chose to move to India in 2009 for his children's education and to escape possible religious persecution.

After settling down in Ahmedabad, Dr. Mukhi applied for citizenship in 2016. In 2021, he received a letter from the Ahmedabad Collector's office that the application had been processed and he would receive the citizenship soon.

This is when Dr. Mukhi's troubles began.

"On receiving the letter, I went to Pakistan High Commission in Delhi, surrendered my Pakistani passport and renounced Pakistani citizenship. However, the citizenship certificate never arrived and for the past four years I have been living as a stateless person. It is like being in an open jail. I have no nationality," Dr. Mukhi told *The Hindu*.

> The Union government is yet to file a reply, the case keeps getting adjourned. This is grave injustice. We left Pakistan to make a better life here. I was worried about my daughter's safety. There are several cases of forcible conversion of women there
> NANIKRAZ KHANOOMAL MUKHI

Nanikraz Khanoomal Mukhi's wife and three children have been granted Indian citizenship

After writing letters and visiting the Collector's office multiple times, Dr. Mukhi moved the Gujarat High Court against the Union of India and State of Gujarat on April 30.

"The Union government is yet to file a reply, the case keeps getting adjourned. This is grave injustice. We left Pakistan to make a better life here. I was worried about my daughter's safety. There are several cases of forcible conversion of women there. But now I am being made to suffer here because government officials have chosen to look the other way," Dr. Mukhi said. The next date of hearing is August 6.

Dr. Mukhi's wife, who had applied for citizenship with him, has been granted the naturalisation certificate. His three children acquired citizenship after they registered under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019 which became effective on March 11, 2024.

Citizenship is a subject under the Union List and is decided by the Union Home Ministry. The Ministry has, however, periodically delegated powers to District Magistrates or Collectors of 31 districts in nine States to grant citizenship to legal migrants (who entered on passport/visa) from the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan under Section 5 (by registration) and Section 6 (naturalisation) of the Citizenship Act, 1955. He added that he too applied for citizenship under the CAA in 2024 but his application is pending.

Though the CAA is for undocumented migrants from the three countries, the online portal asks applicants to provide any six types of documents and specify "date of entry" in India. The applicants are also asked for an "eligibility certificate" issued by a "locally reputed community institution" confirming that he/she belongs to "Hindu/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Jain/ Parsi/ Christian community and continues to be a member of the above mentioned community."

The empowered committee, which grants citizenship under CAA, is headed by the Director (Census Operations) in each State. "The Census official told me that my application [under CAA] is pending as I applied through Collector's office and renounced Pakistani citizenship on the basis of a letter," Dr. Mukhi added.

Reports on AI plane crash premature, says NTSB

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairwoman, Jennifer Homendy, has said the Board will continue to support the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) investigation into the Air India plane crash, and that reports about the incident are premature and speculative.

On June 12, Air India's Boeing 787-8 aircraft from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick crashed into a building soon after take-off, killing 260 people. Out of the 242 people onboard, one passenger survived.

On July 12, the AAIB released its preliminary report into the fatal crash. "Recent media reports on the Air India 171 crash are premature and speculative. India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau just released its preliminary report. Investigations of this magnitude take time," Ms. Homendy said in a post on X.

Ms. Homendy also said that NTSB fully supports AAIB's public appeal and will continue to support its ongoing probe.

"All investigative questions should be addressed to the AAIB," she said on Saturday.

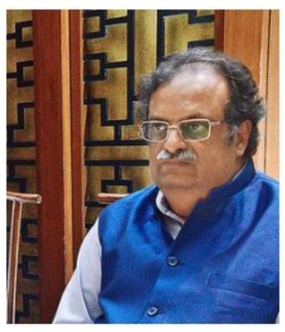
New NMC chief Abhijat Sheth calls for affordable private medical education

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Coordinated teamwork, a uniform licensing process for doctors across India, and improving the perception of the National Medical Commission (NMC) were among the priority areas for work for the statutory body, Abhijat Sheth, the newly appointed Chairperson of the Commission, told *The Hindu* in an exclusive interview.

Dr. Sheth's appointment comes amid controversies, and a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into alleged corruption in the process of securing approvals for private medical colleges.

Stating that he wouldn't be able to comment on the CBI probe into alleged bribery, Dr. Sheth, however, said that the current trend of "MBBS seat booking" costing many lakhs of rupees at several private medical colleges was a matter of concern. "What



Abhijat Sheth

exchange is taking place [between students and medical college authorities] is very difficult to confirm for the Commission. This is a matter for investigating agencies to probe," he said, adding that the high cost of an MBBS programme, the basic medical undergraduate degree in India, in a private institution, could be because quality in education doesn't come cheap.

"Most of us don't look at the cost incurred by the government sector to educate a doctor. When compared to that quality, [the cost of] private education seems expensive," Dr. Sheth said.

"This is all a matter of perception. Yes, the perception is that the fee is very high...but I'm sure that we, as a team, will be able to, over time, see how best we can optimise this," he said.

The fee structure and cost must be controlled to a level that is comfortable to an average family, he added.

"We want the private medical institutes to survive, and we want education to be affordable," he said.

India has many well-developed government medical institutions with huge capacity for student intake, Dr. Sheth said. "The Union government has brought in many initiatives to increase medical seats, and to ensure that their organisations are able to work at full capacity for this. Currently, we feel that we aren't using these institutes to their full capacity – this is an area we need to explore," the NMC Chairperson said.

In India, only 40% of the medical services sector – education, diagnostic services, and treatment – is with the government, Dr. Sheth said, speaking of the private sector's role in healthcare.

"So, [in] training doctors to use the latest and new technology, etc., we have to bring in the private sector. For this, we must work closely with them as partners in the healthcare ecosystem. The Commission is looking at greater collaboration and commitment from the private sector. This is a resource which we would like to engage and harness," he said.

The immediate focus at the NMC would be to improve the quality of education, promote good governance, and make access to the NMC easy for students and doctors, the Chairperson said.

Centre organises national workshop on Jain Manuscriptology

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The workshop was part of a larger vision to uplift all six notified minority communities

In a landmark initiative highlighting India's civilisational depth and inclusive cultural policy, the Minority Affairs Ministry has organised a National Workshop on the significance of Jain Manuscriptology at Gujarat University on Saturday.

Held under the aegis of varsity's Department for Validation of Indic Knowledge through Advanced Research and funded by the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), the workshop brought together distinguished scholars, Jain monks, academics, and officials to explore and celebrate the profound intellectual and spiritual legacy embedded in Jain manuscripts. This is part of a larger vision under the PMJVK to uplift and empower all six notified minority communities – Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, and Jains – by supporting academic research and heritage conservation. A similar initiative is already under way in collaboration with Mumbai University to preserve the Avesta and Pahlavi languages of the Parsi Zoroastrian tradition, further underscoring the government's inclusive and pan-Indian approach. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, the chief guest of the event, shared the government's unwavering commitment to the preservation, and dissemination of traditional knowledge systems and minority heritage languages.

BRICS forum seeks equitable sharing of AI benefits

The Hindu Bureau
RIO DE JANEIRO

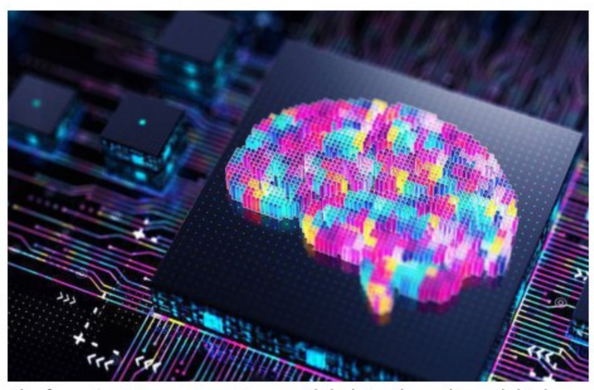
At the seventh plenary session of the BRICS Media and Think Tank Forum (earlier known as the 'BRICS Media Forum'), more than 250 representatives from media organisations, think tanks, government agencies and enterprises from 36 countries gathered in Rio de Janeiro to deliberate on ways to foster greater South-South cooperation, including on joint R&D and co-established standards, for a more equitable sharing of Artificial Intelligence (AI) benefits across nations.

A major concern that emerged was the risks of AI capabilities being concentrated among a few actors located in a handful of countries, with several participants noting that it could create dangerous dependencies for Global South nations.

'Regulatory autonomy'

The forum, organised on July 15-17, highlighted the importance of open source development of AI as well as the need for Global South nations to work together for a greater say in the shaping of AI governance frameworks. Mr Thorsten Jelinek, Europe Director and Senior Fellow of Taihe Institute, pointed out that some amount of "regulatory autonomy" is critical to maintain the balance between multilateralism and sovereignty.

"The history of modern technology, whether it is telecommunications or the internet, has been shaped not only by innovation but also by technological, economic and institutional hierarchies and dependencies," he noted, adding that the right governance framework would encourage AI as "a moral partner" to growth and development.



The forum's statement on AI urges Global South media and think tanks to develop a multilingual and multimodal corpus. GETTY IMAGES

The forum's lead statement on AI also called upon media organisations and think tanks in the Global South to develop a "multilingual and multimodal corpus". This would "lay the foundation for training large-scale AI models that serve journalism and think tank research." By "leveraging AI to translate quality content into multiple languages," it will become possible to increase "the availability of 'Global South Stories', elevate the international voice and influence of the Global South" and showcase the diversity of Global South civilisations, it said.

Mr. Fu Hua, Executive Chairman of the Forum and president of *Xinhua News Agency*, observed that BRICS was becoming the "main channel for fostering Global South unity and self-reliance".

Noting that the BRICS countries represent vast civilisational diversity and pluralism, he urged BRICS media organisations and think tanks to prioritise and amplify stories from different parts of the Global South as a necessary corrective to the prevailing hegemonies and biases in the international media landscape.

Speaking in the context of the U.S. threat to impose additional punitive tariffs on countries wanting to join BRICS, Mr. Wu Hailong, President of the China Public Diplomacy Association, emphasised that the BRICS grouping was not in opposition to any country but a mechanism "to seek equity and justice" in the international governance scenario. "Given that the world seems to be going back to the jungle rule of tariff turbulence, BRICS nations must cooperate more to protect their interests and oppose unilateralism," he said.

Organised by *Xinhua News Agency* in collaboration with partners from BRICS nations, the forum officially launched the 'Global South Joint Communication Partnership Program', an initiative by *Xinhua* to promote dialogue and cooperation across various sectors within the Global South.

INBRIEF

Private lender Yes Bank Q1 net surges 59% to ₹801 crore

Yes Bank Ltd. for the first quarter ended June 30, reported a 59% year-on-year growth in net profit to ₹801 crore. Net interest income at ₹2,371 crore grew 5.7% aided by reduction in cost of funds. Net interest margin at 2.5% trended upward. Provision costs (non-tax) at ₹284 crore grew 34%. Net advances at ₹2,41,024 crore grew 5% while total deposits at ₹275,843 crore climbed 4.1%. GNPA ratio at 1.6% was down 10 bps while NNPA ratio at 0.3% slid 20 bps.

Central Bank of India Q1 net profit rises 33% to ₹1,169 crore

State-owned Central Bank of India on Saturday posted a 33% growth in net profit at ₹1,169 crore during the first quarter of this financial year, aided by improvement in core income and decline in bad debts. The total income rose to ₹10,374 crore during the June quarter of 2025-26, from ₹9,500 crore in the same quarter of FY25, Central Bank of India said in a regulatory filing. Net NPAs, or bad loans, declined to 0.49% as against 0.73% in the year-earlier period. PTI

Union Bank of India logs 12% rise in net to ₹4,116 crore in Q1

State-owned Union Bank of India on Saturday reported a 12% rise in net profit to ₹4,116 crore during the first quarter of this financial year. Total income rose to ₹31,791 crore during the June 2025 quarter from ₹30,874 crore in the year-ago period, Union Bank of India said in a filing. However, net interest income declined to ₹9,113 crore against ₹9,412 crore a year earlier. Net NPAs, or bad loans, declined to 0.62% against 0.90% in the year-earlier period. PTI

HDFC Bank Q1 net up 12%, to issue 1:1 bonus, pay dividend

The lender's provisions surged almost fivefold to ₹14,442 crore; this included ₹9,000-crore floating provision and ₹1,700-crore contingency buffer indicating potential asset quality pressure

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In a bonanza for investors, the board of HDFC Bank Ltd, India's largest private sector lender, has declared a special interim dividend of ₹5 per equity share of ₹1.

The board also approved bonus issue in the ratio of 1:1 viz. one bonus equity share of ₹1 each for every one fully paid-up equity share.

This was on account of the bank selling shares worth almost ₹9,130 crore in it's subsidiary HDB Financial Services Ltd. via listing as per RBI norms.

The bank also reported a 12% year-on-year growth in standalone net profit to ₹18,155 crore

Net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) for Q1 grew by 5.4% to ₹31,438 crore.

Red flag: Net non-performing assets increased 29% to ₹12,276 crore from ₹9,508 crore. REUTERS

The bank's provisions increased almost fivefold to ₹14,442 crore. This included ₹9,000 crore floating provision and ₹1,700 crore contingency buffer indicating potential asset quality pressure.

Gross non-performing assets increased 12% to ₹37,041 crore from ₹33,026 crore a year ago.

Net non-performing assets increased 29% to ₹12,276 crore from ₹9,508 crore in the same period last year.

The bank's consolidated net profit dropped to ₹16,258 crore from ₹16,475 crore despite the almost ₹9,130 crore gains from HDB Financial Services share sale.

Capital adequacy ratio

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) as per Basel III guidelines was 19.9% as on June 30 (19.3% as on June 30, 2024) as against a regulatory norm of 11.9%.

Gross advances stood at ₹26,53,200 crore, an increase of 6.7% over June 30, 2024. Advances under management grew by 8% over June 30, 2024. Retail loans grew by 8.1%, small and mid-market enterprises loans rose 17.1% and corporate and other wholesale loans climbed by 1.7%.

The bank's average deposits were ₹26,57,600 crore for the quarter, a growth of 16.4% from the year-earlier period.

ICICI Bank Q1 net rises 16% to ₹12,768 cr.

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MUMBAI

The bank wrote off gross NPAs ₹2,359 crore in the quarter.

ICICI Bank, India's second-largest private sector bank, for the first quarter ended June 30, reported a 15.5% year-on-year growth in net profit to ₹12,768 crore.

Net interest income (NII) increased by 10.6% to ₹21,635 crore. Net interest margin stood at 4.34% versus 4.36% a year earlier.

Treasury gains were ₹1,241 crore compared with ₹613 crore primarily reflecting realised and mark-to-market gains in fixed income securities and equities.

Provisions (excluding provision for tax) were ₹1,815 crore and included the impact of release of Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)-related provisions of ₹389 crore.

Net domestic advances grew by 12%. The retail loan portfolio grew by 6.9% and comprised 52.2% of the total loan portfolio at June 30. Including non-fund outstanding, the retail portfolio was 43.2% of the total portfolio at June 30. Total period-end deposits increased by 12.8% to ₹16,08,517 crore. Gross NPA additions were ₹6,245 crore compared with ₹5,916 crore a year earlier.

Recoveries and upgrades of NPAs, excluding write-offs and sale, were ₹3,211 crore compared with ₹3,292 crore a year earlier.

The bank wrote off gross NPAs amounting to ₹2,359 crore in the quarter. The provisioning coverage ratio on non-performing loans was 75.3% at June 30.

Excluding NPAs, the total fund based outstanding to all borrowers under resolution as per the various extant regulations/guidelines declined to ₹1,788 crore or about 0.1% of total advances at June 30 compared with ₹1,956 crore at March 31 and ₹2,735 crore at June 30, 2024.

Total provisions

At June 30, the bank held total provisions, other than specific provisions on fund-based outstanding to borrowers classified as non-performing, amounting to ₹22,664 crore.

These provisions include contingency provision of ₹13,100 crore as well as general provision on standard assets, provisions held for non-fund based outstanding to borrowers classified as non-performing, loan and non-fund based outstanding to standard borrowers under resolution and the BB and below portfolio.

Including profit for Q1-2026, the bank's total capital adequacy ratio at June 30, 2025 was 16.97%. The consolidated profit after tax of the bank increased by 15.9% to ₹13,558 crore.

Consolidated assets grew by 10.9% to ₹26,68,636 crore.

'On Oct. 1, India-EFTA trade pact to take off'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The free trade agreement between India and the four-nation European bloc EFTA will be implemented from October 1, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said.

The two sides signed the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) on March 10, 2024.

Under the pact, India received an investment commitment of $100 billion in 15 years from the grouping while allowing several products, such as Swiss watches, chocolates, and cut and polished diamonds, at lower or zero duties. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

'ED said to summon Google, Meta officials'

Reuters

India's financial crime fighting agency summoned executives of tech giants Google and Meta to its headquarters on Monday as it probes accusations of money laundering on online betting apps, two government sources said.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is investigating whether the platforms eased the way for promotion and wider reach of betting apps through advertisements, the first source said. A date of July 21 has been set for the appearances at the agency's headquarters in New Delhi. Both the sources sought anonymity as they were not authorised to speak to the media.

Manufacturers seek reduction in GST on farm pump sets

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Manufacturers of pumpsets for agricultural applications have reiterated demand for reduction of GST on these products to 12% from the existing 18%.

The government raised the GST to 18% about three years ago mainly because the manufacturers supplying to Original Equipment Manufacturers had problems in getting input tax credit. However, with 18% GST, farmers prefer to buy unbranded pumps that are sold without GST.

This has hugely affected the sales of branded and energy-efficient pumps The manufacturers are able to take 11.5% to 13% input credit. The rest is passed on to farmers. By reducing the GST to 12% the farmers will get substantial cost advantage, said Mithun Ramdass, president of the Southern India Engineering Manufacturers Association.

Farmers prefer unbranded pump sets sold without GST.

The market size for agricultural pump sets in India is almost $1 billion.

Byju's founders' plan for defamation case 'to distract from facts'

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Glas Trust Company LLC is the trustee for lenders to whom Byju's owes $1.2 billion

U.S.-based lender agent Glas Trust alleged Byju's founders' plan to file a defamation case is an attempt to distract from the facts after several court orders went against them.

The legal counsel of Byju's founders, J. Michael McNutt, rejected the allegations levelled by Glas Trust, calling them "incomplete and misleading".

The counsel of Byju's founders, Byju Raveendran and Divya Gokulnath, said they are gearing up to file an over $2.5 billion suit against Glas Trust and others for damage to their reputation and business.

"Byju Raveendran's latest act of threatening defamation claims against Glas Trust and the Term Loan B Lenders is a transparent attempt to distract from the facts, coming on the heels of a U.S. federal court holding him in contempt. The fact of the matter is every court to consider the issues ruled against Raveendran and his cohorts," Glas Trust said.

Glas Trust Company LLC is the trustee for lenders to whom Byju's owes $1.2 billion. Byju's founders have contested its claims.

Textile sector seeks uniform GST rate for textile, apparel value chain

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The textile industry is pitching for a fibre-neutral GST at 5% for entire textile and apparel value chain.

Currently, cotton-based textile sector has 5% GST, except for garments priced above ₹1,000. These garments attract 12% duty. However, in the Man Made Fibre (MMF) sector, the GST on PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid) and MEG (Monoethylene Glycol) that are critical inputs for polyester output is 18%, MMF filament and spun yarn attract 12% duty, fabric and garments at 5% and garments and fabric above ₹1,000 a piece are at 12%.

There should be no inverted duty structure and we need a fibre-neutral rate which is the lowest in the GST slabs, said R.K. Vij, secretary general of Polyester Textiles Apparel Industry Association.

If the industry is to achieve the target of $100 billion annual exports and $250 billion domestic sales by 2030, all sectors of the textile industry should grow. For now, there has been no major expansion in the viscose sector and the cotton sector is not growing. The growth of the MMF sector is crucial and hence, the government should rationalise the GST rates for this sector.

The textile industry is pitching for a fibre-neutral GST at 5%.

As per K. Selvaraju, secretary general of the Southern India Mills Association, garments and fabric priced above ₹2,000 should be levied 12% duty and for the other products the rate should be 5%.

The micro, small and medium-scale enterprises are struggling when funds are blocked in tax paid for inputs. MMF fabrics and garments are the most affordable for the common man. And, hence, this sector should also be brought under uniform 5% duty.

Further, textile and apparels is the highest job-generating sector and should attract investments to create jobs. GST rate rationalisation will make investments viable, he said.

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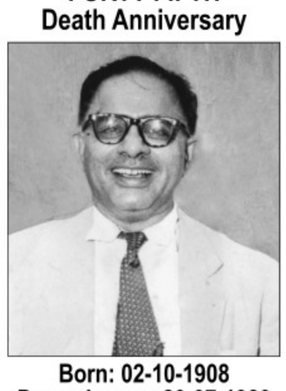

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Scientists from INST, IITs make water filter with light, vibrations

Vasudevan Mukunth

Scientists from the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) in Mohali, IIT-Dharwad, and IIT-Kharagpur have designed a cheap, reusable water filter.

Industrial plants release dyes such as Congo Red and Methylene Blue into rivers and groundwater, from where they can cause stomach, skin, and breathing illnesses.

Ozone, Fenton chemistry and other methods work to clean the water, but they burn through chemicals and electricity, expanding cost and the carbon footprint.

The solution

The new filter has been designed to sidestep these and other problems. Its development was reported in a paper in the July edition of *Nano Energy*.

The researchers first 3D printed thin, sponge-like sheets of polylactic acid (PLA), a biodegradable plastic often used in compostable cups. PLA is naturally water-repelling, so the team soaked each sheet in a mild sodium-hydroxide solution to make it water-loving.

Next, they made nanoparticles of bismuth ferrite (BFO) and dipped the prepared PLA sheets into a BFO ink. Treated sheets stayed strong through five reuse cycles, losing only about 3% of their cleaning power.

Under visible light, the BFO acted like a solar-powered catalyst that split water molecules and created highly reactive radicals that shred organic dye molecules. And when shaken by ultrasound, BFO's piezoelectric nature generated an internal electric field that drove the same radical-making reactions even in the dark.

Combining both light and vibration yielded piezo-photocatalysis, a process that worked day or night.

During tests, when light and vibration were used together, the filter removed about 99% of Congo Red and 74% of Methylene Blue in 90 minutes. It also partially cleaned real wastewater collected from a textile plant.

To understand its performance, the authors turned to machine-learning regression models. They fed the computer thousands of experimental data points, including dye concentration, catalyst amount, light intensity, and ultrasound frequency.

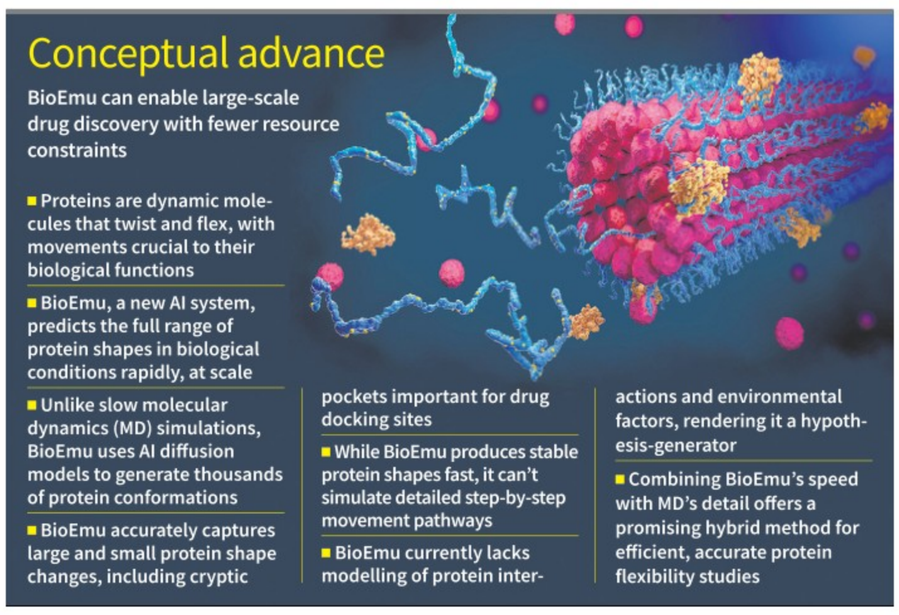
Modern algorithms such as random forests, XGBoost, and an artificial neural network have learned how these factors interact. The best models closely matched the experimental results, which they hadn't seen, well enough to prove artificial intelligence could accurately forecast how fast the dyes vanished in different conditions.

"We are thinking of scaling up production and using the filter near treatment plants, where water bodies are regularly polluted," Aviru Basu, INST scientist and corresponding author of the paper, said, adding that the team looks forward to its use in Jal Nigam and Namami Gange projects as well.

BioEmu sketches the moving picture of protein structures

The new deep learning system developed by Microsoft, Rice University and Freie Universität allows high-resolution protein flexibility modelling at scale, unlike slower, more classical approaches

Anirban Mukhopadhyay



Proteins aren't rigid sculptures. They twist, flex, and sometimes unravel – movements essential to understanding their function. Some proteins, like enzymes, open like clamshells to grab molecules. Others such as signalling proteins shift shape to control cell processes. Still others briefly reveal hidden gaps where drugs can bind. Artificial intelligence (AI) tools like AlphaFold have made structure prediction routine, but they typically yield just one stable form, a single frame from what is really a moving picture.

A new deep learning system called BioEmu, developed by Microsoft and researchers at Rice University in the US and Freie Universität in Germany, predicts the full range of shapes a protein naturally explores under biological conditions. Known as the equilibrium ensemble, it allows high-resolution protein flexibility modelling at scale, unlike slower, more classical approaches. Described in *Science*, BioEmu is faster and cheaper, enabling large-scale predictions of protein function.

To understand BioEmu's significance, it helps to see what it's up against. The gold standard for modeling protein flexibility is molecular dynamics (MD), which tracks atomic movements at millionths of a billionth of a second using tools like GROMACS or Anton.

Despite its ultrafine resolution and accuracy, MD is slow and costly. Simulating motions over microseconds or milliseconds can take tens of thousands of GPU-hours, even on supercomputers.

BioEmu sidesteps this bottleneck by relying on an AI diffusion model. To train BioEmu, researchers first fed it real protein structures, from millions of AlphaFold-predicted assemblies, 200 milliseconds of MD simulations spanning thousands of proteins, and half a million mutant sequences from experimental stability measurements.

It's like dropping a sugar cube into a glass of water: the original structure, clear and defined, is gradually dissolved. BioEmu's real task is to learn how to run that process in reverse: from noise to a sugar cube. Once trained, it can generate thousands of plausible protein conformations from scratch.

BioEmu excelled at benchmarks. It captured large shape changes in enzymes, local unfolding that switches proteins on or off, and fleeting cryptic pockets, temporary crevices that can serve as drug docking sites, like in the cancer-linked protein Ras. It predicted 83% of large shifts and 70-81% of small changes accurately, including open and closed forms of a vital enzyme called adenylate kinase. It also handled hard to predict proteins that don't have a fixed 3D structure and how mutations affect protein stability.

Fast, not fully detailed

While MD simulates how proteins move over time, including interactions with water and drugs, BioEmu quickly generates snapshots of all the stable shapes a protein is likely to adopt. It can produce thousands of these structures in minutes to hours on a single GPU. But it can't show how a process unfolds.

"If a researcher wants to understand how a drug reaches a hidden binding site, MD can reveal the step-by-step pathway," says Kalairasan Ponnuswamy, bioinformatician and assistant professor at SRM Institute of Science and Technology. "BioEmu shows the final shapes, not how the protein gets there."

MD also handles temperature shifts, membranes, and other conditions that BioEmu's static predictions can't yet model.

BioEmu also can't model cell walls, drug molecules, pH changes or show prediction reliability like AlphaFold.

It's also limited to single chains and can't model how proteins interact, a key part of most biological processes and drug targets. "It's better seen as a hypothesis-generating tool than a source of final conclusions," says Ponnuswamy.

As the system grows to handle more complex proteins and chemical interactions, researchers may still need experiments or older simulation methods to validate what it proposes.

Still, the conceptual advance is clear. If AlphaFold provided the protein world's blueprint, BioEmu sketches its choreography. By capturing flexibility quickly across thousands of proteins, it enables large-scale drug discovery and function studies with fewer resource constraints, Ponnuswamy notes: "Tasks that took weeks will now take hours." He does however emphasise the need for proper training and skillset acquisition.

"Future scientists will not only need a deep grounding in physics and chemistry, they'll also need fluency in machine learning and physical modelling to unlock the true potential of such hybrid approaches."

The researchers see BioEmu and MD as complementary tools. BioEmu can quickly generate a range of plausible conformations, which MD can then explore in detail. This hybrid approach could greatly reduce simulation time while preserving fidelity.

(Anirban Mukhopadhyay is a geneticist by training and a science communicator from Delhi)

Greater awareness helps to deal with rare diseases

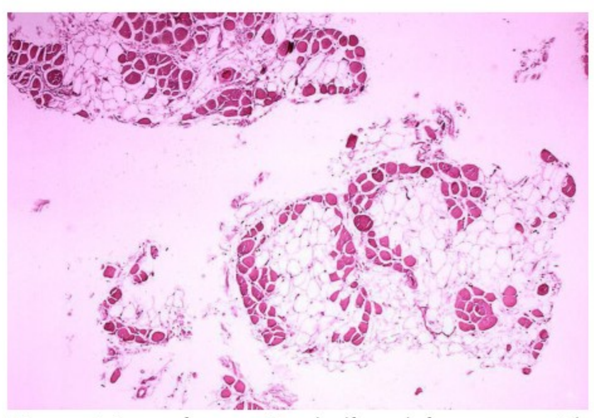
Gayatri Saberwal

About 10,000 rare diseases have thus far been identified in the world, and new ones are discovered every now and then. Some 80% of these conditions are genetic in origin and predominantly affect children. About 30% of the children don't live to see their fifth birthday. While individually rare, cumulatively, about 300 million people in the world have a rare disease.

It is important to raise awareness of rare diseases in the country for various reasons. First, doctors may never have encountered them and are often unaware of these diseases. Second, if the medical problem is not reported, say to a registry, an accurate picture of the number of patients is unavailable, which would be essential to help draft suitable policies to support patients. A detailed picture is also needed to help patients connect with each other, and so that the industry can identify market opportunities to develop suitable therapies.

In a major contribution to identifying rare diseases, Iliyas Rashid and his team at the Tata Institute for Genetics and Society, Bengaluru, have developed GenTIGS, "a gene database on rare genetic disorders". This is a valuable resource, since a user can choose from a list of symptoms to predict the possible rare disease. The patient's family can then take the information to their doctor and seek support from a patient group.

So far, fewer than 5% of rare diseases have treatments approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Even those that have are prohibitively expensive.


Microscopic image of cross-sectional calf muscle from a person with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. US CDC

A patient in India would be unlikely to have suitable insurance coverage. Sometimes companies provide a drug for free on compassionate grounds, but this is not a reliable way of obtaining drugs.

Some have managed to raise the money through crowd sourcing.

Of the 300 million people with rare diseases in the world, about 90 million are in India. But the real number is likely to be higher since our social practices include endogamy, the practice of marrying within a community. If there is a genetic condition in that community, endogamous marriages will tend to preserve that condition instead of letting it die out.

More than 95% of these conditions don't have a therapy or it may be impossibly expensive. In such a scenario, the best option may be premarital counselling, among others. There are now cases where scientists, doctors or not-for-profit organisations have worked with local communities to urge individuals who are carriers of particular mutations to not marry other individuals with the same mutations, in case this would increase the chance of their having an affected child.

If such marriages are avoided, then over time the condition will be eliminated. In this connection, exemplary work has been done by B.R. Lakshmi and her colleagues at the Molecular Diagnostics Counselling Care and Research Centre (MDCRC) in Coimbatore. They are working on Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), a disorder that affects only male children, with females being the carriers. MDCRC has done large-scale genetic screening across several districts of Tamil Nadu with the aim of detecting the relevant mutations early and eventually eradicating DMD from the State. Similar efforts are required for many disorders around the country.

In summary, be aware of rare diseases. It usually takes years for a patient to get the correct diagnosis. Dr. Rashid's database ought to be helpful in reducing the suffering of patients and their families.

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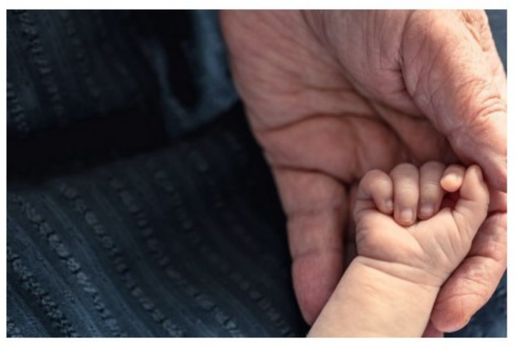

Sex at birth may not always be random, study finds

Scientists examined data from 58,007 White U.S. nurses who had 1.46 lakh single-baby births to test whether a baby's sex is random. They found that inside individual families, the pattern broke the rules of randomness. Many families had all boys or all girls more often than chance predicted. The team found a beta-binomial model fit the data best, akin to a weighted coin toss: women who waited until after 28 years for their first child were likelier to end up with single-sex children.

Non-invasive tech records blood sodium in real time

Scientists have developed a non-invasive way to measure sodium levels in blood using terahertz optoacoustics. This tech can non-invasively check blood sodium in real time. The tech shines high-frequency light on blood and listens for sound waves produced by sodium ions, confirmed to work accurately in living mice. It wasn't confused by other blood components and its results matched those from standard lab tests. The breakthrough could help doctors monitor people with dysnatremia more efficiently.

Research data show dangers of feeding wild animals

A new study has warned about the dangers of feeding wild animals, especially endangered Asian elephants. The research based on 18 years of data from Sri Lanka's Udawalawe and India's Sigur areas showed that when tourists feed elephants, the animals become used to humans and start begging for food. This can lead elephants to break fences, eat harmful items or cause injuries and deaths. The study urged governments to promote responsible tourism.

Question Corner

Left and right

Why do mirrors flip left and right but not up and down?

This classic question has a surprisingly interesting answer. The fact is mirrors don't actually flip left and right, much less up and down. Instead, they flip the image of the world you see front to back.

When you stand in front of a mirror and raise your right hand, your reflection raises what appears to be its left hand. But that's only because your reflection is facing you. If someone else stood facing you and raised their right hand, that would also appear on your left side. So the mirror isn't flipping left and right. Instead, it's flipping depth: what's in front of you becomes what's behind you in the mirror.

The confusion comes from how our brains interpret the reflection. We imagine ourselves turned around to face the same direction as our reflection. In doing so, we mentally swap left and right. But the mirror hasn't done that: it has simply reversed the image along the axis perpendicular to its surface.

Thus, mirrors don't prefer left-right or up-down. They only reflect whatever is in front of them, flipped front to back.

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What does the sugar and salt labelling say?

What is the Health Ministry doing to promote healthier dietary habits?

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

The story so far:

The Health Ministry has asked all government departments to prominently display the amount of oil and sugar content on popular Indian snacks like samosa, vada paav, kachori, pizza, and burger, stating that this information has to be shared in cafeterias, lobbies, meeting rooms, and even government stationery.

What is the proposal?

"We are proposing a display of sugar and oil boards initiative to promote healthier dietary habits in various settings. These boards serve as visual behavioural nudges in schools, offices, public institutions, etc., displaying key information about hidden fats and sugars in everyday foods," said Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava in a recent letter to all ministries, departments, and autonomous bodies of the Union government.

It has also requested that all official stationery-letterheads, envelopes, notepads, folders, etc., and publications print health messages as daily reminders to reinforce the fight against obesity.

Why are warning labels being devised?

The Health Ministry says these warnings are designed to create awareness.

According to the information released by the Health Ministry, India is currently facing an unprecedented rise in non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which account for over 66% of all deaths across the country.

> Creating public consciousness about foods high in sugar, salt, oil and fats is necessary to stop the rising rates of obesity and non-communicable diseases

With the rapidly changing demographic and epidemiological landscape, the burden of NCDs such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancers has become a public health challenge, particularly among individuals over the age of 30, it noted.

Pariksha Rao, director of nutrition and medical affairs at The Good Bug, a private venture in the wellness industry, points out that too much sodium, added sugar, refined oils, and sugar-sweetened drinks, often disguised as healthy options, can derail even the best diets. "These contribute directly to the risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and poor metabolic health. At the same time, many people fall short on essential nutrients by not getting enough fibre, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats, or fermented foods that support gut health," she adds. Functional snacks, which promise health benefits, also add to the problem.

How is the nutrient value of food calculated?

Nutrient values of foods are calculated by conducting laboratory assessment of prepared foods and are represented on a per 100g basis for ease of understanding. It considers total sugar, saturated fat, and salt levels. Where lab-based nutrient analysis is not available/feasible, evaluations are based on aggregating the nutritional values of ingredients available in the Indian Food Composition Tables (IFCT) published by the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Nutrition-Hyderabad (ICMR-NIN).

The recently released ICMR-NIN's Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024, made an attempt to indicate high fat, sugar, and salt (HFSS) foods as foods in which calories from total sugar exceed 10% of total energy, calories from added fat/oil exceed 15% of total energy, and salt content is more than 625 mg per 100g of solid food, explains Bharati Kulkarni, director at ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

She adds that the NIN supports the Centre's initiative to create public consciousness about HFSS foods as a step toward addressing the rising rates of obesity and non-communicable diseases, especially among children and youth.

The HFSS foods are usually processed and are typically low in essential nutrients; excessive consumption of HFSS foods can contribute to various health problems.

What are the guidelines on sugar and salt?

The World Health Organization recommends a healthy diet throughout life to help prevent all forms of malnutrition, as well as a range of diet-related non-communicable diseases, and lower the risk of infectious diseases. For adults in India, the recommended daily intake is less than 65g of total fat, less than 25g of added sugar, and less than 5g of salt. The limits have also been set for children in their various phases of development.

Ms. Rao advocates for building meals around fibre-rich ingredients, local produce, lean proteins, and healthy fats. "Cook at home more often, slow down at meals, and reduce reliance on packaged shortcuts. Small, consistent changes make a bigger impact than restrictive trends. What matters most isn't perfection, but a long-term pattern of choosing food that nourishes the body."

What has preliminary crash report revealed?

What happened to the engines of AI 171 that went down in Ahmedabad? Why is the spotlight on the fuel control switches? What has the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau cautioned against? Why are pilot bodies upset that the initial report ignores 'systemic vulnerabilities' in the aircraft?

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The story so far:

Leaks in the western media with specific details about technical aspects and 'human intervention' relating to the crash of Air India flight AI 171 have led to a written appeal by the Director-General of India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, to await the publication of the final investigation report. The leaks came days before the release of the AAIB's preliminary report on July 12, a month after the air accident at Ahmedabad on June 12.

What else has the AAIB's appeal said? What are the other reactions?

The letter, dated July 17 and signed by G.V.G. Yugandhar, Director-General, AAIB, said that the AAIB works in accordance with the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules 2017, and is responsible for fulfilling the obligations of the Government of India towards the International Civil Aviation Organization Annex 13. It highlighted "its flawless record in the investigation of 92 accidents and 111 serious incidents since its inception in 2012". The statement drew attention to certain sections of the international media repeatedly attempting to draw conclusions through selective and unverified reporting and called such actions irresponsible. It added that the AAIB's investigation and preliminary report are to provide information about "what" happened, and that the final report would come out with root causes and recommendations.

On July 18, in a statement on X, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairwoman Jennifer L. Homendy said that "recent media reports on the Air India 171 crash are premature and speculative...", ending with "investigations of this magnitude take time. We fully support the AAIB's public appeal...."

> 'The Boeing systems record and transmit real-time diagnostics'

Days before the AAIB released a 15-page preliminary report, aviation news service The Air Current had a report on July 8. It said "Air India crash investigation focuses on movement of engine fuel control switches" with a blurb that "data from the Dreamliner's black box points investigators towards improper, inadvertent or intentional pilot actions". On July 10, the *Wall Street Journal (WSJ)* had a report, "Air India probe Puts Early Focus on Pilots' Actions and Plane's Fuel Switches". Again, on July 17, the *WSJ* had an exclusive report titled "New Details in Air India Crash Probe Shift Focus to Senior Pilot". On July 18, an Italian daily, the *Corriere della Sera* (founded in 1876), published a report which claimed it had more details from the cockpit voice recorder (CVR).

The reports in the western media have led to a pushback by Indian pilot bodies. A media report has said that the Federation of Indian Pilots would "pursue all legal remedies available for defamation, mental anguish and reputational harm". The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations also cautioned against hasty conclusions published by the media and social media based on the preliminary report.

What has the preliminary report said?

The report has focused on the "engine 1 and engine 2 fuel cutoff switches having transitioned from Run to Cutoff position, one after another with a time gap of one second", resulting in the fuel supply cutting off. There is also one sentence which says that in the "cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cutoff. The other pilot responded that he did not do so." The report has a picture of the aircraft with its Ram Air Turbine – which is at the heart of an aircraft's emergency power system – having deployed during the initial climb.

The engine 1 fuel cutoff switch then transitioned from Cutoff to Run about 10 seconds after the cutoff, leading to a thrust recovery. Four seconds later, a similar transitioning for the engine 2 fuel switch led to the full authority digital engine control of each engine automatically managing a relight and thrust recovery sequence. One of the pilots then transmitted a Mayday call.

The report has said that it has no recommended actions concerning the aircraft type, the engine (GE's GEnx-1B70/P2), and the manufacturers – this has drawn criticism from pilot bodies for ignoring 'systemic vulnerabilities'.

The heart of the mystery now lies in the actions around the manual fuel selector switches.

Captain Matthew Buckley, a former U.S. Navy fighter pilot and a former first officer at FedEx and American Airlines, has told *The Hindu* that the Boeing 787 is a data-linked, highly networked aircraft, with its critical flight systems – especially fuel management – digitally and physically isolated. Even though the aircraft uses Ethernet-style backbone systems for many avionics functions, the fuel selector switches themselves are mechanical-electrical hybrids that cannot be remotely accessed or altered from outside. He adds that had there been any software anomaly, Boeing and the engine manufacturer would have detected it through Aircraft Health Monitoring Systems. These systems record and transmit real-time diagnostics, he said.

He said that the Boeing 787 has centralised electronic systems and data streaming to ground systems in real time. If there was an engine-related issue, the engine manufacturer would know instantly, as diagnostic updates would be sent during flight.

What are the safety checks being done by airlines?

Last month, on June 13, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) directed Air India to carry out additional safety inspections on its Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 fleet. Professor Guy Gratton, Associate Professor of Aviation and the Environment, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at Cranfield University, U.K., has told *The Hindu* that these imply enhanced checks of the electrical, hydraulic and/or propulsion systems.

The DGCA has also issued a directive (with inspection reports by July 21, 2025) to check the locking mechanism of the fuel control switches on the Boeing 737 and 787. A number of airlines have carried out precautionary checks of the fuel selector switches in their Boeing 787 fleets. This also flows from an advisory by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 2018 of the 'potential for disengagement of the fuel control switch locking feature' on several Boeing aircraft families. Separately, Indian pilot bodies have urged extensive checks of the 787's engine control systems.

Can there be a better investigation?

In an interview with Singapore's media on July 16, while commenting on the AAIB's preliminary report, International Air Transport Association chief Willie Walsh said that there is a strong argument to be made for video recorders to be installed in aircraft flight decks to help accident investigators. This revives an almost 25-year-old debate on the issue between the NTSB and the FAA.

The final line is that there needs to be a fair and transparent investigation with irrefutable findings. And this could take time.

Questions linger: The aircraft wreckage currently housed at the Ahmedabad airport premises. VIJAY SONEJI

What is the universe's antimatter mystery?

What have scientists uncovered in the matter versus antimatter puzzle? Where did the experiment take place and what data did the Large Hadron Collider collect? How will the discovery help scientists understand how the universe came to be?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

On July 16, an international collaboration of scientists based in Europe reported that they had, for the first time, observed that the matter and antimatter versions of a type of subatomic particle called a baryon decay at different rates. The result revealed a new difference in their behaviour that may help explain why the universe is made mostly of matter.

Why is the universe made mostly of matter?

The Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago should have created equal amounts of matter and antimatter. But when we look around, we see a universe filled with matter – stars, planets, people – while antimatter is almost nowhere to be found. This lopsidedness is one of the biggest unsolved mysteries in science. Physicists believe subtle differences in how matter and antimatter behave, especially something called CP violation, could be a major clue to understanding this imbalance.

CP stands for charge conjugation (C) and parity (P). Charge conjugation means swapping a particle for its antiparticle (which has the opposite electric charge) and parity means flipping left and right, like looking in a mirror. If the universe treated matter and antimatter exactly the same, even after a particle swap and a mirror flip we'd say the laws of physics are the same. But experiments have shown that this symmetry can be broken. This is called CP violation.

> New discovery shows clues why universe has more matter than antimatter

CP violation is crucial because it's one of the conditions necessary for a universe to end up with more matter than antimatter.

Has CP violation been seen before?

"While CP violation had previously been observed in mesons, particles made of quark-antiquark pairs, it had never before been seen in baryons, three-quark particles such as protons and neutrons that constitute the majority of visible matter in the universe," Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, experimental high-energy physicist Minakshi Nayak told *The Hindu*.

The new result is the first to show CP violation in baryon decays, specifically in a particle called the Λb0 baryon.

The Λb0 baryon is a heavy subatomic particle made of three quarks: an up quark, a down quark, and a bottom quark. Its antiparticle, the Λb0-bar, has the corresponding antiquarks. In the new study, scientists studied how the Λb0 baryon decays into a proton, a negatively charged kaon, and two pions (one positive, one negative). They also looked at the same decay for the antiparticle but with opposite charges.

How are particle decays observed?

The experiment took place at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Europe, and data for its analysis was collected by the machine's LHCb detector. Over several years, the team collected data from billions of proton-proton collisions, which occasionally produced Λb0 and Λb0-bar baryons. Sophisticated algorithms and machine learning techniques then helped the researchers pick out the rare events where these baryons decayed into the specific set of particles they were looking for.

The key is to compare how often the Λb0 baryon decays into the chosen set of particles with how often its antiparticle does. If the laws of physics treated matter and antimatter identically, these rates would be the same. Any difference, after accounting for possible experimental biases, would be evidence of CP violation. The researchers measured a quantity called the CP asymmetry, which is the difference in decay rates divided by the total number of decays.

The researchers were very careful about identifying and removing other effects that mimic CP violation. For example, the LHC might produce slightly more Λb0 baryons than Λb0-bar antibaryons or the LHCb detector might be better at spotting one over the other. To correct for these effects, the team used a control channel, a similar decay where no CP violation is expected. By measuring any asymmetry in this control channel, they could subtract these nuisance effects and isolate the true CP violation signal.

What was the main result?

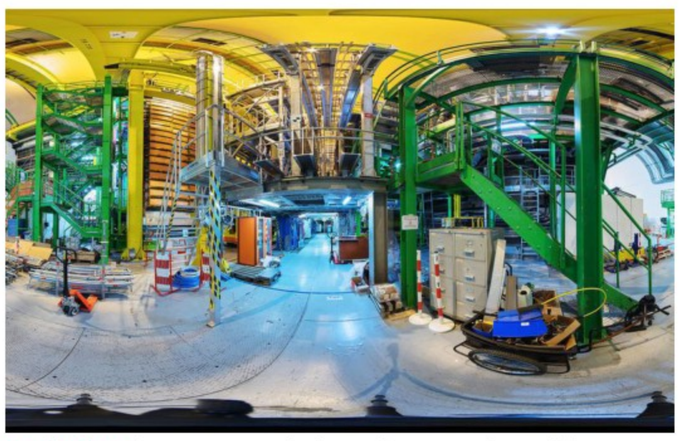
The researchers found a clear difference in the decay rates: the CP asymmetry was measured to be about 2.45%, with a very small uncertainty.

"Statistically, the measured CP asymmetry deviates from zero by 5.2 standard deviations, surpassing the 5-sigma threshold required to claim a discovery in particle physics," Dr. Nayak said. "This historic discovery holds the potential to deepen our understanding of the matter-antimatter imbalance".

It's a big step forward, although the amount of CP violation observed is still too small to account for the large imbalance between matter and antimatter in the universe.

Scientists can now look for CP violation in other baryon decays and try to measure it more precisely. Theoretically, they can work to understand the complex dynamics that produce these effects and search for signs of previously undiscovered particles and forces, in a bid to plug the gaps in our knowledge of our universe. The ultimate goal is to find out whether there are additional sources of CP violation that could explain matter's dominance.

The finding also addresses a fundamental question about our existence: why is there something rather than nothing? Every atom in your body, every star in the sky, exists because matter somehow won out over antimatter. By uncovering the subtle differences in how nature treats matter and antimatter, scientists are piecing together the story of how our universe came to be the way it is.



Key finding: The experiment took place at the Large Hadron Collider in Europe, and data was collected by the machine's LHCb detector. CERN

PROFILES

Rising like a phoenix

Jannik Sinner

Starting January 2024, the Italian tennis player has a stupendous 99-9 win-loss record, has won 10 Tour-level titles, defended the Davis Cup and has been the undisputed World No. 1 for 58 straight weeks from June 10, 2024

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In September 2022, on a glitzy, starry night in New York, Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz met in a high-stakes quarterfinal at the US Open. Though still in his teens, Alcaraz was the more pedigreed, having built up to that stage by winning the Miami Masters and Madrid Masters.

In fact, in the Spanish capital, he had beaten Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic back-to-back, a statement performance. Sinner, on the other hand, was ranked outside the top-10 and had lost all five of his combined matches against Nadal and Djokovic until then.

Over five pulsating sets at Flushing Meadows, Alcaraz beat Sinner, with the tie finishing at 2.50 a.m. local time. The Spaniard, after having edged the five-hour, 15-minute fixture, went all the way to bag his maiden Slam and become the youngest men's World No. 1. At 19, he was also the first teenager to secure a Major since Nadal at the 2005 French Open.

As fans and commentators were busy heralding of the changing of the guard from the Big Three of Roger Federer, Nadal and Djokovic to the younger lot, and appeared eager to anoint Alcaraz as the new tennis king, lost in the din was the fact that Sinner, in that contest, had a match-point in the fourth set and was up a break up in the fifth.

The Italian may not have gone on to win but he had shown enough to be considered a near-equal.

Almost three years since that titanic tussle, Sinner followed through on the promise by beating Alcaraz in four sets last Sunday for his maiden Wimbledon title. Coming as it did after the heartbreak in the Roland-Garros final a month earlier, where Sinner lost despite having not one but three championship points against Alcaraz, it was the ideal balm for his hurting soul. The accomplishment also snapped a run of five straight reverses against his 22-year-old generational rival.

"It was important for many, many reasons," Darren Cahill, Sinner's coach, said after the triumph. "Carlos had the wood over him for the last five matches. They have played amazing matches, and Jannik had chances in maybe four of the five, but hasn't been able to get the victory.

"So it was important not just because it was a Grand Slam final, not just because it was Wimbledon, and not just because Carlos had won the last five matches against him. He knew the importance of closing this one out when he had the opportunities," the Aussie added.

Three-month pause

Turning the tide in their 13-match rivalry aside, Sinner's success over Alcaraz also comes at an important time in his career. Though the 23-year-old has inarguably been the world's best player since he won the first of his four Majors at the 2024 Australian Open, the suspension he served earlier this year for having traces of banned anabolic steroid clostebol in his system has threatened to take the sheen off every achievement of his.

In mid-February, Sinner paused for three months after entering into a case-resolution agreement with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for two positive tests in March 2024. Though he was cleared of intentional doping, many players, past and present, thought he had gotten away lightly and that the whole saga reeked of favouritism.

But such was his resilience, that through all this, Sinner conjured one of the best 18-month periods in tennis history. Starting January 2024, he has a stupendous 99-9 win-loss record, has won 10 Tour-level titles, defended the Davis Cup and has been the undisputed World No. 1 for 58 straight weeks from June 10, 2024.

He is now the holder of three of the four Slams and has reached the summit clash at each of the past four Majors. That he remained the world's best-ranked player through his ban showed the incredibly high levels he had elevated his tennis to. His ATP points tally right now is 12,030, nearly double that of third-ranked Alexander Zverev (6,310).

"[It's been] very emotional, even if I don't cry," Sinner said after Wimbledon when asked to sum up the last few months. "It feels emotional because only me and the people who are close to me know exactly what we have been through on and off the court. It has been everything except easy.

"We've tried to push [through] every practice session, even [when] I was struggling at times mentally. Maybe [I struggled] even more in practice sessions because I feel like when I play the match, I can switch off and just play. I believe that this helped me a lot," the two-time Australian Open champion added.

The victory at the All England Club is also an important marker in Sinner's growth as an all-round player. He is undoubtedly the best on synthetic surfaces, having won 13 of 20 hard-court events he has entered (including two Davis Cups) since the 2023 Toronto Masters, and finished a worthy finalist in two others.

But his development this season, first on clay and then on grass, threatens the territorial supremacy of Alcaraz, a two-time winner of both the French Open and Wimbledon. It is not that Sinner earlier had negative returns on the sport's two natural surfaces. He even beat Alcaraz at Wimbledon 2022 in their second-ever career meeting. But proving one's worth on the grandest of stages counts for more.

"My favourite surface is hard court, but in my mind I also know that I can play well on other surfaces," Sinner said. "I knew that I could potentially play well here [at Wimbledon] because of my groundstrokes. They're quite flat, and the ball goes through.

"Clay is different because I felt like the physical shape was not there. But this year, it was great. I played five-and-a-half hours against Carlos [in Paris]. It was super physical and different, but a good move forward."

In a sense, Sinner finds himself in a similar position to Nadal years ago when the latter's style was seen through the lens of Federer's ethereal shot-making and thus judged a tad harshly.

Precise strokes

Sinner's razor-sharp focus, methodical approach and precise strokes do not please the crowd the way Alcaraz's flair, invention and free-spiritedness do. Sinner plays with controlled aggression and emotions rarely overflow. For Alcaraz, the court is like a playhouse and he feeds off the audience's energy. Where Sinner can be clinical, Alcaraz teases and toys before shutting the door.

But after the Italian's trophy-winning fortnight in southwest London – where he also ousted the legendary Djokovic, among the greatest returners the sport has seen, for a fifth consecutive time – the gap in perception is bound to shrink.

"The rivalry, I think, is amazing already," said Cahill. "And I think it can get better with both these players pushing each other. Jannik watches more Carlos matches than he does [of] anybody else.

"He's fascinated with the improvements that are coming in his [Alcaraz] game, and he's pushing us as coaches to make sure that he's improving as a tennis player as well. So the rivalry is real. It's there. And hopefully it's going to be there and real for the next 10 or 12 years."

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Hanging fire

Nimisha Priya

Family members of the Kerala nurse, who has been sentenced to death for murder in Yemen, see a glimmer of hope after the last-minute postponement of her execution

G. Krishnakumar

The clock seems ticking for 37-year-old Indian nurse Nimisha Priya, who is on death row at the Central prison in Yemen's capital Sanaa for the alleged murder of Talal Abdo Mahdi, a Yemeni national. Media reports that emerged two weeks ago had stated that her execution was scheduled on July 16. Her family members and well-wishers felt a glimmer of hope after last minute diplomatic and other interventions resulted in the postponement of her sentence. However, it remained short-lived as a social media post by the victim's brother Abdul Fatah Mahdi said "justice would prevail", and affirmed that "retribution would come regardless of any delays in the execution".

A nurse from Kerala, Nimisha has been imprisoned in Sanaa's central jail since 2017, convicted of murdering Mahdi, her business partner. A native of Kollengode in Palakkad district, she left for Yemen in 2008 with dreams of securing a better future for her parents, who worked as domestic helps. She landed a job at a government-run hospital in Sanaa. She worked there until 2011, before returning to Kerala to marry Tomy Thomas, a daily-wage labourer and native of Thodupuzha in Idukki district.

The civil war in Yemen that resulted in the Houthi rebels gaining control over Sanaa in 2014 shattered Nimisha's dreams. The Government of India issued an advisory in April 2015 asking Indian nationals not to travel to Yemen owing to the adverse political and security situation.

In 2015, Nimisha quit her low-paying hospital job to start her own clinic. However, Yemeni law required nationals to own and operate businesses, forcing her to partner with Mahdi to set up the venture. The same year, Mahdi accompanied her to Kerala when she came home for a month-long holiday. A petition filed by Nimisha's 58-year-old mother, Premakumari, in December 2023 before the Delhi High Court, seeking the Centre's permission to visit her daughter, stated that her relationship with Mahdi deteriorated over time after he allegedly began torturing her and siphoned off all the clinic's revenue.

In July 2017, desperate for a way-out, Nimisha sought advice from a jail warden near her clinic where Mahdi had previously been allegedly imprisoned for various offences. The warden allegedly suggested sedating Mahdi to recover her passport. However, an apparent overdose resulted in his death, says the petition. Nearly a month later, Nimisha was arrested near Yemen's border with Saudi Arabia after Mahdi's dismembered body was discovered in a water tank.

Death penalty

She was sentenced to death by a trial court in Sanaa in 2020 and the Houthi Supreme Political Council dismissed her appeal in November 2023. The appeal court kept open the option of paying blood money (*diyah*) – in accordance with Shariah law – to the murdered man's family and be pardoned for the crime.

The efforts to release her from prison gained momentum after the formation of Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council, a collective comprising elected representatives, lawyers and human rights activists. But the case had posed significant challenges in view of India's lack of official ties with the Houthis. Ms. Premakumari met her daughter after a long gap at the prison in Sanaa on April 24, 2024 following the Delhi High Court's directive in December 2023 asking the Centre to relax its 2017 notification that barred Indian passport holders from travelling to Yemen. She has been staying in Sanaa since then amid hopes of securing the release of her daughter.

As the deadlock continues, the Indian government says it is in contact with "local authorities" in Sanaa, as well with some "friendly governments" in the region to push for her release. Kanthapuram A.P. Aboobacker Musliar, a religious leader from Kerala, who had reportedly intervened through his friend and Yemeni Sufi scholar Sheikh Habib Umar bin Hafiz to convince the victim's family to pardon Nimisha, says "talks had been under way with Talal's family despite their strong desire for retribution".

Bonding for cover

Pam Bondi

The Trump-appointed Attorney-General has been caught in a storm triggered by the Epstein scandal with MAGA supporters alleging a top-level cover-up

Varghese K. George

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MAGA, or Make America Great Again, believers are driven by faith. A core tenet of their faith is that there is a 'deep state' in America that controls power for the benefit of an elite, and it is not accountable to the people or the law. MAGA voters are the wind behind the sails of President Donald Trump. A part of MAGA has now turned on itself, suspecting that some members of the Trump administration have enlisted in the deep state. In the eye of this new MAGA storm is Pam Bondi – the U.S. Attorney-General, a long-time ally of Mr. Trump and until she ceased to be, a darling of his voter base.

MAGA believers do not want to question their own faith in the 'supreme leader', and instead turned their ire on Ms. Bondi. Mr. Trump has thrown his weight behind Ms. Bondi, who stands between him and the fury of the faithful.

He has also asked her to heed to their clamour and release more information related to Jeffrey Epstein, an ultra rich, influential sex offender who died in jail allegedly by suicide in 2019. Rumours that Epstein kept a 'client list' of his trafficking network have swirled in the MAGA universe for long, and Ms. Bondi herself seemed to vouch for it. "It's sitting on my desk right now to review. That's been a directive by President Trump," she had said in February 2025, during an interview to Fox News, when asked if the Justice Department would release the alleged list of clients.

Revolt in the base

But the Justice Department and the FBI that comes under it declared in early July that Epstein indeed died by suicide, and there was no client list and no further investigation into his activities was required. The MAGA base rose in revolt. That this came as unsigned memo into public domain itself points to the importance of the whole affair for the MAGA base. Not signing off the memo did not shield Ms. Bondi, however. Commentators that shape the MAGA world blamed her for what they saw as a new cover-up. Steve Bannon, Tucker Carlson, Laura Loomer, Megyn Kelly, and Glenn Beck, all influential voices in the Trump universe blamed Ms. Bondi for the mess. Many are calling for her resignation. She was one of the early converts into the MAGA camp and Mr. Trump found in her an extremely valuable ally in the key Republican State of Florida where was elected Attorney-General in 2011. She was a member of Mr. Trump's defence team in an impeachment proceeding in his first term as President.

Just as the MAGA world was broiling in speculation that they had been sold out, a report in the *Wall Street Journal* alleged Mr. Trump had sent a note to Epstein on his 50th birthday, before his conviction in the sex case. Mr. Trump had a public association with Epstein but has denied any wrongdoing. He has also denied the latest *WSJ* story.

Though both Democrats and a section of his MAGA supporters cry foul, it is the reaction of the latter that worries Mr. Trump more. His initial response was to disown his own supporters and call the entire Epstein saga a hoax. '...."new SCAM is what we will forever call the Jeffrey Epstein Hoax, and my PAST supporters have bought into this 'bullshit,' hook, line, and sinker.... They haven't learned their lesson, and probably never will, even after being conned by the Lunatic Left for 8 long years," he said. But when the storm continued and threatened to scatter his base, he made another turn, directing Ms. Bondi to release more information related to the Epstein case.

The Justice Department has pleaded a federal court in New York to unseal the records of a grand jury trial, including the testimony of Epstein. That will not happen easily, if at all, as the laws that regulate information related to jury trials take into account the privacy of crime victims and other factors. As of now, Mr. Trump and Ms. Bondi, who have bonded more to shield each another, hope the storm will blow over.

The Epstein episode is, in a twisted way, the validation of the conspiracy theory that deep state is always at work. It threatens and consolidates the MAGA rationale at once, hence.

HA LONG BAY

Tourist boat capsizes in Vietnam, leaving 34 dead and eight missing

AFP

A boat carrying tourists capsized during a sudden thunderstorm in Vietnam on Saturday afternoon during a sightseeing excursion, killing 34 people. Eight remain missing. The boat was carrying 48 passengers and five crew members — all of them Vietnamese — during the tour of Ha Long Bay. AP

BEIJING

China starts building massive dam on Brahmaputra river in Tibet

THE HINDU

China started building a mega-dam on Saturday on a river running through Tibet and India, with Premier Li Qiang attending the commencement event. Beijing approved the project in December on the Brahmaputra river linking it to the country's carbon neutrality targets and economic goals in the Tibet region. AFP

KYIV

Russian strikes kill three, Moscow suspends train services in Rostov

AFP

Russian strikes killed three persons across Ukraine on Saturday, authorities said, while Moscow had to briefly suspend trains in its southern Rostov region after an overnight drone attack by Kyiv. Separately, the Russian military said it had intercepted six aerial bombs and 349 drones on Saturday. AFP

BRASILIA

Police raid home of Bolsonaro, accused of plotting Brazil coup

REUTERS

Brazilian police raided Jair Bolsonaro's home on Friday, as a judge imposed further restrictions on the far-right former leader while he stands trial on coup charges that have vexed U.S. President and ally Donald Trump. His son Eduardo Bolsonaro wrote on X that federal police carried out a "raid on my father's home this morning." AFP

Jaffna mass grave, a test for the Dissanayake government

The site was discovered by accident in February this year when workers, who were readying land in Chemmani, located on the outskirts of Jaffna, to build a Hindu crematorium, stumbled upon what appeared to be human bones; Justice Minister says the govt. has 'the complete political will' to address the grievances of those who have suffered 'catastrophic deaths, disappearances and losses'

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

A mass grave site in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna district, which has drawn domestic and international attention, is putting to test the Anura Kumara Dissanayake government's pledge to address Tamil people's grievances.

The site was discovered by accident in February this year when workers, who were readying land in Chemmani – on the outskirts of Jaffna, a former war zone – to build a Hindu crematorium, stumbled upon what appeared to be human bones. They immediately alerted authorities, prompting the Jaffna Magistrate Court to order excavation and further investigation.

A team of experts, comprising a senior archaeologist, assisted by students from the University of Jaffna, and Judicial Medical Officers, has since been excavating the site that is now protected with restricted access. According to sources familiar with the excavation, about 65 skeletons, including some believed to be children, have been found so far, at times with what appeared to be school bags and other personal belongings.

The growing count is agonising for locals, especially families of disappeared persons, who have been chasing the truth about their missing loved ones for years. Their resolve continues to date, 16 years after the civil war ended with the state armed forces crushing the LTTE, while tens of thousands of civilians were massacred.

From the time his 21-year-old brother was arrested by the Army in 1996, Ponnambalam Arumugasamy has spent much of his time and energy trying to trace him. "Each of us looking for a missing relative has been undergoing enormous pain, not knowing what happened to our brother or son or daughter," says Mr. Arumugasamy, 75, who resides near Jaffna town.

Nearly 65 skeletons, including some believed to be of children, have been found in Chemmani. KUMANAN KANAPATHIPPILLAI

Political will

This is not the first time Chemmani has been in focus. In a startling court revelation in the late 1990s, soldier Somaratne Rajapakse – among those convicted in a case of rape, abduction, and murder of 18-year-old Tamil Krishanthi Kumaraswamy – testified that "300-400 bodies" were buried in Chemmani. His disclosure led authorities to some 15 bodies at the location, but the case was dropped after that.

"This government is unique," asserted Sri Lanka's Justice Minister Harshana Nanayakkara, pointing to the ruling National People's Power's [NPP] huge mandate in last year's general election in the island's north and east, where Tamil-speaking people are a majority. "So, unlike previous governments, we have a bigger responsibility in fulfilling their aspirations, looking after their well-being," he told *The Hindu* in an interview.

Observing that the Dissanayake government has "the complete political will" to address the grievances of those who have suffered "catastrophic deaths, disappearances, and losses", Mr. Nanayakkara said the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP, the chief political constituent of the ruling alliance) had "suffered the same" in the late 1980s, and therefore "takes it very seriously". Amnesty International estimates that Sri Lanka has one of the world's highest number of disappearances, with a backlog of 60,000 to 1,00,000 complaints, including from the island's south where thousands went missing during the JVP-led insurrections in the 1970s and 1980s.

Mirak Raheem, a commissioner at the Office on Missing Persons, set up in 2016 to probe disappearances, observed that investigating mass graves is "a very complex" exercise.

To start with, the whole process of excavation is destructive. The site must be destroyed [to recover the skeletons] and can never be reconstructed. The focus is not only on recovering human remains, but also on collecting as much information as possible from the location. "For instance, the orientation and the position of the bodies, the geography of the site, details such as the boundary of the mass grave, may provide useful pointers on how the site might have been dug," he said.

While political will is fundamental to see the case through, technical expertise is also critical, experts noted. Earlier, the community, including the families, activists, and lawyers, was not as aware of the subject, according to Ranitha Gnanarajah, an Attorney at Law, working with and appearing on behalf of families of the disappeared. "But now, we have had more exposure, including to other contexts that have dealt with mass graves, such as Guatemala, Argentina, and Rwanda. We are more aware of the strategies, systems, legal process, challenges and the diverse approaches in the excavation at tracing of mass grave sites," she said.

Winning families' trust will be crucial, according to Minister Nanayakkara. Acknowledging that "people need closure, people need justice", he also flagged the need for dignity of families, recognition as a special category of victims and some form of social protection to support their lives. "When you fight for 30, 40 years, discriminate and marginalise, they (Tamils) are not going to trust the Sinhalese just like that. Our job is to win their trust and help heal."

32 Palestinians seeking food shot dead by Israeli troops

Associated Press
DEIR AL BALAH

Israeli troops opened fire on Saturday toward crowds of Palestinians seeking food from distribution hubs run by a U.S.- and Israeli-backed group in southern Gaza, killing at least 32 people, according to witnesses and hospital officials.

The two incidents occurred near hubs operated by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. In other violence, 11 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli air strike in Gaza City.

The GHF, which employs private armed guards, says there have been no deadly shootings at its sites, though this week, 20 people were killed at one of its locations, most of them in a stampede.

Dire straits: Palestinians wait at a food distribution point in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip on Saturday. AFP

In the occupied West Bank, meanwhile, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee visited a Christian Palestinian village that was recently attacked by Israeli settlers and harshly criticised the violence.

Most of Saturday's deaths occurred as Palestinians massed in the Teina area, around 3 km away from a GHF aid distribution centre east of the city of Khan Younis.

The Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis said it received 25 bodies, along with dozens wounded.

Seven other people, including one woman, were killed in the Shakoush area, hundreds of metres north of another GHF hub in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah, the hospital said.

Truce order fails to halt fighting in Syria's Druze heartland

Agence France-Presse
SWEIDA

More than 900 people have been killed in Sweida in sectarian clashes since Sunday

Syrian Bedouin and their allies fought Druze fighters in the community's Sweida heartland for a seventh day on Saturday despite a ceasefire ordered by the government following a U.S.-brokered deal to avert further Israeli military intervention.

Clashes were reported in the west of the provincial capital as Druze fighters battled armed Bedouin supported by tribal gunmen from other parts of Syria.

The Interior Ministry announced that internal security forces had begun deploying in Sweida province.

Israel had bombed government forces in both Sweida and Damascus earlier this week to force their withdrawal after they were accused of summary executions and other abuses against Druze civilians during their brief deployment in the country's southern province.

More than 900 people have been killed in Sweida since Sunday as sectarian clashes between the Druze and Bedouin drew in the Islamist-led government, Israel and armed tribes from other parts of Syria.

Druze fighters said those who arrived to support the Bedouin were mostly Islamists.

Trump sues Murdoch, *WSJ* over article about Epstein relations

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump sued media magnate Rupert Murdoch and *The Wall Street Journal* for at least $10 billion on Friday over the publication of a bombshell article on his friendship with the infamous alleged sex trafficker of underage girls, Jeffrey Epstein.

The defamation lawsuit, filed in federal court in Miami, saw the 79-year-old Republican hitting back at a scandal threatening to cause serious political damage.

"We have just filed a POWERHOUSE Lawsuit against everyone involved in publishing the false, malicious, defamatory, FAKE NEWS 'article' in the useless 'rag' that is, *The Wall Street Journal*," Mr. Trump posted on Truth Social late on Friday.

The *Journal* reported on Thursday that in 2003, the then-real estate magnate wrote a suggestive birthday letter to Epstein, illustrated with a naked woman and alluding to a shared "secret."

Jamaat rallies in Dhaka ahead of next year's polls

Associated Press
DHAKA

Hundreds of thousands of supporters of Bangladesh's largest Islamist party rallied in the capital on Saturday to show their strength ahead of elections expected next year, as the South Asian nation stands at a crossroads after the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

An interim government headed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus said the next election would be held in April but his administration did not rule out a possibility of polls in February as strongly demanded by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its allies.

Show of strength: Supporters of Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami attend a rally in Dhaka on Saturday. AP

Jamaat-e-Islami, which had sided with Pakistan during Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971, had said earlier that it would mobilise one million people on Saturday.

While Ms. Hasina was in power from 2009 until she was toppled in student-led protests last year and fled to India, top leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami were either executed or jailed on charges of crimes against humanity and other serious crimes in 1971.

The party on Saturday placed a seven-point demand to the administration led by Mr. Yunus to ensure a free, fair and peaceful election, the trial of all mass killings, essential reforms and proclamation and implementation of a charter involving last year's mass uprising.

It also wants the introduction of a proportional representation system in the election.

Islam basis

"We are here for a new Bangladesh where Islam would be the guiding principle of governance, where good and honest people will rule the country, and there will be no corruption," Iqbal Hossain, 40, said. "We will sacrifice our lives, if necessary, for this cause."

Many of the young supporters in their 20s and 30s were also present.

GOLDEN CHANCE

Rahul has to make these next three to four years count, says Shastri

PTI

Former India coach Ravi Shastri said tweaking "front-foot" technique has helped K.L. Rahul to be more productive with the bat against England. "He's at his prime. He has to make these next three to four years count. And I see him getting a lot of hundreds because he's playing a lot of cricket in India as well," Shastri said.

WORDS OF WISDOM

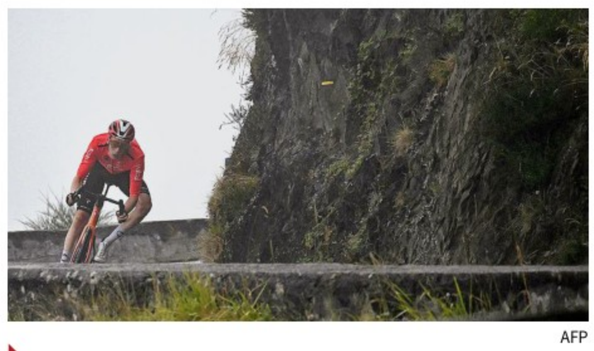
Gill can learn things going forward, needs to be proactive: Rahane

PTI

Every captain is different. I understand that everyone's methods are different, but being a step ahead of your opponents, being proactive, giving freedom to the bowlers, etc, are important. Shubman Gill can learn things going forward, but he needs to be proactive and look for wickets — Ajinkya Rahane.

CLIMB TO VICTORY

Arensman wins stage 14, Pogacar retains the yellow jersey

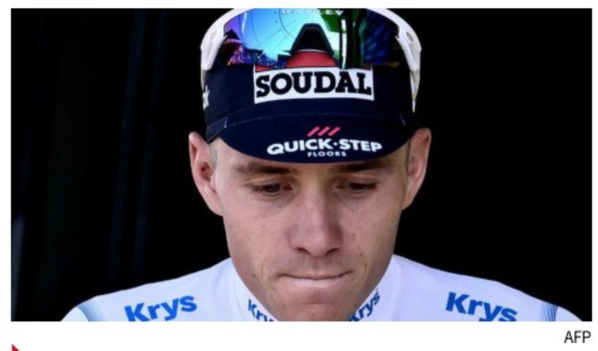


AFP

Thymen Arensman climbed to victory on stage 14 of the Tour de France in the Pyrenees on Saturday as Tadej Pogacar extended his overall lead. Arensman attacked on the third of four mountains on a colossal climb day while Pogacar outsprinted Jonas Vingegaard for second over a minute behind the winner.

EXHAUSTED

Olympic champion Evenepoel withdraws from Tour de France



AFP

Belgian rider Remco Evenepoel pulled out of the Tour de France during Saturday's stage 14, a gruelling climb of the Tourmalet mountain in the Pyrenees. The double Olympic champion had won stage five but appeared exhausted after Friday's uphill time trial. He lost a minute of the first day after being caught in a cross wind split.

With series on the line, captain Gill's real test begins now

He has a few important calls to make in the team selection for the fourth Test; the visiting side faces a huge task in Manchester; former England skipper Gower impressed with the manner in which the 25-year-old has led so far

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shayan Acharya
MANCHESTER

These are early days for Shubman Gill, the captain. Leading India for the first time in Tests, his aggression on the pitch and the ability to calmly handle crunch situations have earned him praise from the cricket pundits.

But his real test is now as India heads to Manchester, trailing 1-2 in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy.

It's going to be an Herculean task no doubt, given the fact that India has never won a Test at the Old Trafford, but for the young captain, providing clarity of roles to the players will be the key as they look to take control of the key moments throughout the game.

That will define Gill's character as a captain.

Australian legend Greg Chappell wrote in his recent column for *ESPNCricinfo*, "Gill must start setting those expectations - clearly, proactively, and consistently," and that certainly will be crucial in the remainder of the series.

There's plenty to deal with anyway – whether to play Jasprit Bumrah at Old Trafford or keep him for The Oval Test; whether to replace Karun Nair with B. Sai Sudharsan at No.3; whether to continue with Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar or bring in Kuldeep Yadav.

While making the right calls will be crucial, it will be equally important for Gill to lead with his actions and decide how he wants to shape this team.

Barring the previous game in Lord's, Gill has had his impact in the series so far with the bat, amassing 607 runs in six innings.

However, former England captain Andrew Strauss believes that in the early days of captaincy, one can usually strike a balance and that's been the case with Gill so far.

"He is a quality player, but I think that back in my times, when I started the captaincy with England, that extra responsibility really helps your batting in the early stages. Maybe, towards the back end it becomes more difficult," Strauss told *The Hindu*, adding: "But right at the moment, he's in that sweet spot and I suppose he's just gotta ride the wave and enjoy it..."

In a series, where stakes are high, it is never easy to handle situations, and that's where Gill needs to instill that belief in the team that it can bounce back no matter how tricky the situation gets.

Former England captain David Gower is impressed with the way the 25-year-old has led, emerging from the shadows of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

"Building a team relies on so many things. At the start of the series, people talked about two great players – Rohit and Virat – not being around. But Shubman played beautifully in two Test matches," Gower told this daily.

"To lead you don't have to be 34, you can be 24, but talented, and with a good head, good mind, good technique. If you have that, you can fill that gap..."

Leading for the first time, there have been teething troubles, but with the series on the line, his real test begins.

Front-runner: Gill will hope to turn things around . PTI

Manchester weather to play a part in India's team combination

Shayan Acharya
MANCHESTER

It was a rainy welcome for the Indian team in Manchester on Saturday.

As the players reached the city and remained confined to their hotel rooms, a small group of Indian fans gathered outside, hoping to catch a glimpse of their favourite cricketers.

Sold out

With the series on the line, the tickets for the fourth Test at Old Trafford are sold out, even though there is a forecast of rain – light to moderate – throughout.

While India's assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate indicated that a decision on the playing XI will be taken after assessing the surface and the conditions, over the last few years, the Old Trafford pitch has been quite effective for wrist-spinners, as the ball has turned the most here among England's Test grounds.

With former England captain Michael Atherton suggesting that India should bring in three spinners – Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar – in the XI and go with just two pacers, it needs to be seen whether the team management subscribes to the idea.

Lots to ponder: If the windy and rainy conditions persist, chances are high that India will field an unchanged bowling line-up. PTI

The Indian team will have a closed-door training on Sunday afternoon

Flat pitches

"The pitches haven't had the pace that they used to have.

"There are a couple of pitches in the end where there's zing, but in the middle, the televised pitches are just flat, flat, flat. Wrist spin goes well at Old Trafford in some circumstances," Atherton told *Sky Sports Cricket*.

The Indian team will have a closed-door training on Sunday afternoon, after quite a gap.

A lot would also depend on how the weather holds up for the next few days. But if the windy and rainy conditions continue, chances are high that India will field an unchanged bowling line-up.

Arshdeep unfit

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh is unlikely to be fit before the fourth Test.

England wins rain-hit second ODI against India, levels series

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Opener Amy Jones hit a fluent 46 not out as England made short work of an out-of-sorts India, winning the rain-hit second ODI by eight wickets at Lord's on Saturday. After a fine batting performance in the opening match in which India chased down a target of 259, it was a listless show by the Women in Blue as they struggled to 143 for 8 in 29 overs, with Smriti Mandhana's 42 being the top score.

In reply, England openers Jones and Tammy Beaumont (34) added 54 for the opening wicket before off-spinner Sneh Rana removed the latter. Jones and skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt (21) added 48 runs for the second wicket when rain stopped play with the home team needing 42 runs more to win.

Once play started, it became a cakewalk as England's revised target was 115 in 24 overs. Kranti Gaud bowled a perfect nip-backer to breach Sciver-Brunt's defence but Jones and Sophia Dunkley took England home.

The three-match series is now level at 1-1, and the final game will be played at Durham on Tuesday.

Earlier, Smriti played a fine hand of 42, but steady England bowling, led by left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone, restricted India to 143 for eight after the match was reduced to 29 overs-a-side.

India lost opener Pratika Rawal in the second over, castled by pacer Em Arlott. Smriti and Harleen Deol (16) added 40 runs for the second wicket as India appeared to have survived the early jolt but Ecclestone ensured the visiting team did not pull away.

The scores: India 143/8 in 29 overs (Smriti 42, Deepti 30 n.o., Ecclestone 3/27) lost to England 116/2 in 21 overs (Jones 46 n.o.). **Toss:** England. **PoM:** Ecclestone. *England won by eight wickets (DLS method).*

In control: England's bowlers made sure the Indian innings never got going. REUTERS

SNAPSHOTS

Antim and Harshita clinch gold at Budapest ranking series

Antim Panghal (53kg) and Harshita (72kg) landed gold medals in the Budapest ranking series wrestling tournament.
World championships bronze medallist Antim defeated Natalia Malysheva and recorded a 7-4 victory in the final.
Earlier, Antim got past Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil 10-0 before seeing off USA's Felicity Taylor 10-0 in the semifinals.
Harshita overcame reigning Asian champion Zhamila Bakbergenova of Kazakhstan 10-0 to win all her four round robin matches and emerge the champion.
The 19-year-old also beat Frenchwoman Pauline Lecarpentier and Ksenila Burakova by fall and got a walkover against Kristina Bratchikova.
Neha Sangwan was pinned by former Worlds and Olympic champion Helen Maroulis of the USA in the 57kg summit clash to claim the silver while Neelam (50kg) bagged a bronze.
Priya booked a berth in the 76kg gold medal match.

Antim and Harshita let their game talk. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Humpy beats Song; Harika draws with Divya

BATUMI (GEORGIA): Indian Grandmaster K. Humpy outclassed Yuxin Song of China in the first game of the quarterfinals to take a huge step forward towards the last four stage of the FIDE World Women's Chess Cup here on Saturday.
Launching an offensive in the centre in the early middle game, Humpy significantly dented black's pawn structure with a pawn sacrifice.
Song was at sea from this moment and she failed to find a way to stay afloat.
Meanwhile, the all-Indian clash between Divya Deshmukh and D. Harika ended in a draw after both the players played solidly without giving anything away.
Top seed Tingjie Lei of China was the other winner of the day and the fact that her victory came with black pieces against Nana Dzagnidze of Georgia makes her a firm favourite to make it to the semifinal.
In the other quarterfinal, R. Vaishali drew with former World champion Tan Zhongyi of China.

Arjun loses to Aronian, bows out in semifinals

LAS VEGAS: Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi's dream run at the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam ended in the semifinals with a 0-2 defeat to American Levon Aronian.
Arjun, who became the first Indian to reach the last-four stage of the Freestyle Grand Slam, ran out of steam in the match-up against Aronian who is finding his magical touch back in the game.
After beating Magnus Carlsen in the play-off for a top-four spot in the prelims and Hikaru Nakamura in the quarterfinals, Arjun failed to convert his chances in the first game.
Hans Moke Niemann of the United States reached finals, defeating compatriot Fabiano Caruana.
R. Praggnanandhaa defeated Vincent Keymer 1.5-0.5 in the playoffs for third-eighth place.

Scheffler leads even as McIlroy sizzles

BRITISH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PORTRUSH

Scottie Scheffler extended his British Open lead to two shots during a dramatic third round on Saturday, as Rory McIlroy sparked his title bid into life.

World No. 1 Scheffler moved two strokes ahead of Matthew Fitzpatrick as he eyes a first Claret Jug, reaching 13-under par after the front nine.

Fitzpatrick drew level with Scheffler early in the round by chipping in for an eagle on the par-five second, as the overnight leader three-putted for par.

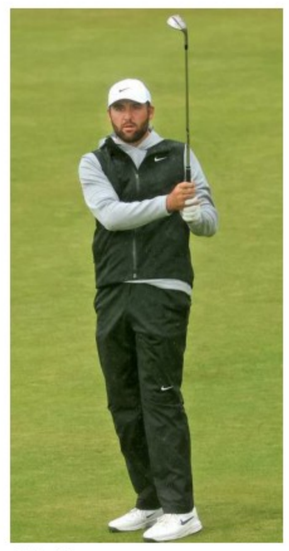
But Scheffler stretched back in front with an eagle on the seventh hole, backed up by a birdie on the eighth. Li Haotong hung in to reach the turn at nine-under overall, four shots back. Tyrrell Hatton also eagled the seventh, sitting a shot further behind on eight-under through 10 holes, tied with Chris Gotterup.

Home favourite McIlroy, starting the day seven strokes off the pace, quickly made his move with three birdies in his first four holes. A huge roar greeted a curling, 36-foot birdie putt on first green, before he tapped in for another birdie on the second. A towering iron shot into the fourth continued the momentum, dragging the Masters champion to within four shots of Scheffler before the leader had even teed off.

Other movers included reigning champion Xander Schauffele, who made two eagles to reach seven-under with one hole to play.

He is level with McIlroy and Robert MacIntyre.

Englishman John Parry hit an 8-iron at the 192-yard No. 13 that landed at the front of the green, took a couple of bounces and hopped straight into the cup, for a hole-in-one.



Scheffler. REUTERS

INBRIEF

Marc Marquez wins Czech MotoGP sprint race

Marc Marquez overtook fellow Spaniard Pedro Acosta on the penultimate lap to win the Czech MotoGP sprint race at Brno on Saturday and stretched his championship lead. Spanish factory Ducati rider Marquez won the 11th sprint out of 12 this season to raise his tally to 356 points. The 32-year-old leads younger brother Alex by 95 points and third-placed Italian teammate Francesco Bagnaia by 156.

Srihari Nataraj misses out on a final berth

Srihari Nataraj rewrote the 'India best' time for men's 200m freestyle twice in a day as he clocked 1:48.11 in the semifinals in swimming at the World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany, on Friday. However, Srihari, who had timed 1:48.22 in the heats to qualify for the semifinals, missed out on the finals by 0.07 seconds.

India enters quarters of Asia junior mixed team c'ships

India booked its place in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia junior mixed team championships after registering a 110-83 win over United Arab Emirates in its Group-D encounter, here on Saturday.

Kamal Chawla starts off with a win in World 6-red snooker

India's Kamal Chawla began his World 6-red snooker title defence with a 4-2 (41-27, 39-33, 22-38, 43-29, 35-42, 35-4) win over Bahrain's Jaafar Alraees in Group A here on Saturday. In Group Q, Ahmed Saif of Qatar beat Rushabh Jain 4-2 (43-15, 8-33, 27-39, 73-4, 49-0, 39-22). Brijesh Damani lost 3-4 to Pakistan's Muhammad Asif in the Masters final of the IBSF World snooker championships late on Friday.

Ruturaj opts out of County Championship

Ruturaj Gaikwad has opted out of the final part of the County Championship for Yorkshire citing "personal reasons". The 28-year-old had agreed to a five-game deal, starting with the match against reigning champion Surrey at Scarborough from July 22. Gaikwad was to remain with Yorkshire until the end of the season. Yorkshire head coach Anthony McGrath said the county is assessing its options regarding a replacement.

LIVE TELECAST

T20I Tri-series: Zimbabwe vs South Africa, FanCode, 4.30 p.m.

Bangladesh vs Pakistan: 1st T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m.

West Indies vs Australia: 1st T20I, FanCode, 5.30 a.m. (Monday)

Seville celebrates. REUTERS

Seville beats Olympic champion Lyles

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LONDON

Jamaica's Oblique Seville outshone Olympic champion Noah Lyles in the men's 100m at the Diamond League in London on Saturday.

Lyles, in lane five outside Seville and inside Botswana's Letsile Tebogo, had a terrible start and spent the whole race attempting to chase down the Jamaican.

Seville, twice a fourth-placed finisher in the blue riband event at the two last World championships, duly held his nerve, crossing the line at the London Stadium in 9.86 seconds, with Lyles fighting back to finish second in 10.00sec.

Britain's Zharnel Hughes rounded out the podium in 10.02sec.

Railways trounces IOC; sets up final against Navy

Pankaj Rawat stars for the defending champion with a hat-trick in a one-sided semifinal; a lacklustre Indian Army team comes up short in the other last-four clash

HOCKEY

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CHENNAI

An exuberant Indian Navy proved its performance in the preliminary matches was no flash in the pan, by putting it across an experienced Indian Army 2-0 in the semifinals of the 96th MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup hockey tournament at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here on Saturday and reached its maiden final.

Earlier, in a surprisingly one-sided semifinal, defending champion Indian Railways dished out a sparkling display to outclass arch-rival Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) 7-1.

In the summit clash on Sunday, Railways, going for a hat-trick of titles, will take on Navy.

Possessing players with experience and quality, Army kept a youthful Navy at bay by employing solid defence.

Navy earned four penalty corners but couldn't make any of them count in a listless and goalless first quarter which was quite evenly matched. The second quarter, too, followed a similar pattern.

First salvo: Ashish Topno gave Indian Navy the lead in the semifinal against Army. R. RAVINDRAN

Navy scored in the first minute of the third quarter, thanks to a fine deflection by Ashish Topno off a penalty corner shot by Sanjit Toppo. Navy continued to have the upperhand in the third with a series of raids that were unsuccessful.

Army's forwards were a let-down as its circle penetrations were poor as compared to Navy. Army earned its first penalty corner as late as in the fourth quarter. However, in the 55th minute, Army did unleash its attacking prowess by getting back-to-back penalty corners, but failed to score.

With three minutes to go for the hooter, Navy effectively closed out the contest when Rajat Minz scored by beating the Army custodian off a free hit by Rajat Sharma.

This was Railways' best performance after a lukewarm display in the group matches.

IOC was a mere spectator for the majority of the contest despite possessing internationals by the dozen. The hero of the match was Railways' Pankaj Rawat, who produced a hat-trick.

The results: Semifinals: Indian Railways 7 (Darshan Gawkar 5 & 10, Pankaj Rawat 17, 51 & 54, Shivam Anand 30, Hartaj Aujla 44) bt IOC 1 (Affan Yousuf 6).
Indian Navy 2 (Ashish Topno 31, Rajat Minz 57) bt Indian Army 0.

Anirudh & Stalder go down in the semifinals

Sports Bureau

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Reese Stalder of USA lost 1-6, 6-1, [11-9] to Blake Bayldon and Tristan Schoolkate in the $920,480 ATP tennis doubles semifinals at Los Cabos, Mexico.

Other results: €596,035 ATP, Gstaad: Doubles: Semifinals: Hendrik Jebens (Ger) & Albano Olivetti (Fra) bt Arjun Kadhe & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 7-5, 7-5.

€181,250 Challenger, San Marino: Doubles: Semifinals: Karol Drzewiecki (Pol) & Ray Ho (Tpe) bt Siddhant Banthia & Alexander Donski (Bul) 7-5, 6-4.

€91,250 Challenger, Pozoblanco, Spain: Quarterfinals: Fajing Sun (Chn) bt Aryan Shah 6-4, 6-4.

$30,000 ITF men, Louisville: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Nicolas Ian Kotzen (USA) & Dhakshineswar Suresh bt Eric Perkowski (USA) & Saheb Sodhi 6-0, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF men, Poprad, Slovakia: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Attila Boros & Bence Boros (Hun) w/o Aryan Lakshmanan & Kristjan Tamm (Est).

$60,000 ITF women, Olomouc, Czechia: Doubles: Final: Dalila Jakupovic & Nika Radisic (Slo) bt Rutuja Bhosale & Wushuang Zheng (Chn) 6-4, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand: Semifinals: Haruna Arakawa (Jpn) bt Zeel Desai 6-7(1), 6-2, 7-6(6).

Arjun and Sai Shiva Shankaran sizzle with stunning wins

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

Teenagers Arjun Chheda and Sai Shiva Sankaran secured stunning victories in the MRF Formula 2000 and F1600 categories in the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore on Saturday.

The 16-year-old Arjun made the best of a poor start by pole-sitter Ishaan Madesh, who stalled his car to drop to sixth, but eventually finished second on debut. Arjun, with a sizeable lead, won comfortably.

Sai Shiva Sankaran, who slipped to second after a bad start from pole, fought his way back into the lead to notch his maiden win in this class. Arjun S. Nair and Nigel Abraham Thomas came in second and third.

Driving to victory: Sai Shiva Sankaran, left, who won the MRF F1600, and Arjun Chheda, the MRF F2000 winner.

The results (provisional – all 12 laps unless mentioned):
MRF F2000: Race-1: 1. Arjun Chheda 13:28.502s; 2. Ishaan Madesh 13:37.603; 3. Shivesh Selvarathnam 13:41.796.

MRF F1600: Race-1: 1. Sai Shiva Makesh Sankaran 14:24.471; 2. Arjun S. Nair 14:24.902; 3. Nigel Abraham Thomas 14:40.437.

Indian Touring Cars: Race-1: 1. Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) 15:24.662; 2. Dhruv Chavan 16:04.961; 3. Rajkumar G.D. 16:09.765.

Indian Junior Touring Cars: Race-1: 1. Rithvik Thomas (Race Concepts) 16:29.216; 2. Nikunj Vagh (Team N1) 16:32.728; 3. Yug Italiya (Team N1) 16:38.848.

Super Stock: Race-1: 1. Kesara Godage 16:03.927; 2. Aman (Strada Motorsports) 16:12.272; 3. Manan Patel 16:15.632.

Formula LGB 1300: Race-1: Open and Junior: 1. Joel Joseph (DTS Racing) 15:16.951; 2. Lokithlingeash Ravi (DTS Racing) 15:17.112; 3. Pathik Ashok (DTS Racing) 15:17.155.

Volkswagen Polo Cup: Race-1: 1. Aman Nagadev (Buzzing Hornet) 15:34.403; 2. Pratik Sonawane (Buzzing Hornet) 15:36.772; 3. Aditya Patnaik (Buzzing Hornet) 15:37.439.

Kiran takes the spotlight in an event missing most top stars

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

With most of the big names staying away due to foreign participation or injury, Kiran Pahal was the biggest draw at the Indian Open at Patna's Pataliputra Sports Complex on Saturday that otherwise saw few noteworthy performances.

Haryana's Kiran, the fastest Indian quartermiler last season, finished on top in the 400m in 54.93s across the two races. While it was far from her personal best, Kiran, only the second Indian to go under 51 seconds, was participating in her first competition this season.

Home favourite Shatakshi Rai, meanwhile, clocked 12.04 seconds in the 100m and win Race A, pipping veteran Srabani Nanda by 0.1 seconds to be the overall winner. Srabani clocked 12.05s in Race C. With several of the events featuring three or fewer participants, specially among the women, the competition was ordinary.

Among the men, none of the promised big names turned up in the javelin throw, including Kishore Kumar Jena, who was expected to return to competition after recovering from an ankle injury.

Winning run: Kiran, participating in her first competition this season, won the 400m in 54.93s. FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results (winners only):
Men: 100m: Yernena Balavardhan (Chg, 10.66s), **200m:** Raja Babu (Har, 21.24s), **400m:** Brajesh Singh (MP, 47.68s), **800m:** Nilkantha Ray (Army, 1:51.88), **1500m:** Rahul (Del, 3:48.42), **5000m:** Mannu Kumar Singh (Mah, 14:49.95), **10,000m:** Shivam (UP, 30:26.20), **Long jump:** Sarun Payasingh (Odi, 7.62m), **Triple jump:** Puneet Kumar (UP, 15.64m), **Shot put:** Akash Grehwal (AIPSCB, 18.05m), **Discus throw:** Rohit Kumar (Raj, 51.56m), **Javelin throw:** Vipul Yadav (Raj, 66.42m).

Women: 100m: Shatakshi Rai (Bih, 12.04s), **200m:** Shivkanya Mukati (MP, 24.30s), **400m:** Kiran Pahal (54.93s), **800m:** Nidhi Thakur (HP, 2:18.94), **1500m:** Laxmipriya Kisan (Odi, 4:37.90), **5000m:** Reeba Anna George (Ker, 17:48.97), **10,000m:** Nandani Gupta (UP, 35:55.83), **Long jump:** Manisha Merel (Odi, 5.79m), **Triple jump:** Sonam (UP, 12.64m), **Shot put:** Vidhi (UP, 15.34m), **Discus throw:** Amera Shah (MP, 47.77m).

Madueke. AFP

Arsenal signs Madueke from Chelsea

Associated Press
LONDON

Arsenal's signed England forward Noni Madueke from Chelsea on Friday. He is Arsenal's fourth signing of the offseason after midfielders Martin Zubimendi and Christian Norgard and goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga.

The 23-year-old Madueke's move comes after two and a half years at Chelsea, where he won the Club World Cup and Conference League.

Hyderabad Monsoon Races from July 21

Racing Correspondent
HYDERABAD

The 2025 Hyderabad Monsoon Races will get underway from July 21 and will end on October 31, as per the prospectus issued by the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC).

The total advertised prize money for the 26 race days, spanning over three and half months season, is Rs. 13, 80, 80,000.

The blue riband of the season, the RACE2WIN.COM Deccan Derby (Gr. 1), will be staged on October 2, with guaranteed stakes money of Rs. 6 million.

There are 24 'A' licensed trainers and 4 'B' licensed trainers at HRC, with 24 jockeys / apprentice jockeys.

A total of 612 horses (including two-year-olds) are stationed at the Malakpet race course.

Important races: K. Mahipathi Rao Memorial Golconda Juvenile Million (Aug. 10), Nizam's Gold Cup (Aug. 17), Governor's Cup (Aug. 24), Coromandel Deccan Fillies' Championship Stakes (Aug. 31), Y Shanker Rao Memorial Deccan Colts' Championship Stakes (Sept. 7), President Of India Gold Cup (Sept. 14), RACE2WIN.COM Deccan Derby (Gr. 1) (Oct. 2) and Golconda St. Leger (Oct. 27).
Racing dates: July: 21, 22 & 28. **August:** 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31. **September:** 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 & 29. **October:** 2, 8, 13, 19, 20, 27 & 31.

Ranquelino and Dyf may fight out finish of Bangalore St. Leger

BENGALURU: Ranquelino and Dyf may fight out the finish of the Bangalore St. Leger (2,800m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Sunday (July 20).
False rails (width about 6.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

THE FIRST RACE IS POSTPONED FROM SATURDAY RACES:

AZHAR PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Positivity (2) Darshan 62, 2. Domina (4) A. Hangal 61.5, 3. Isabelle (10) Pavan 60.5, 4. Small Dreams (3) Dhanu S 59, 5. Continues (6) Sai Kiran 57.5, 6. Dr Ash (8) M. Rajesh K 57, 7. Imperial Star (1) A.A. Vikrant 56.5, 8. LG's Star (11) G. Vivek 55.5, 9. Lex Luthor (12) C. Umesh 55, 10. Carter (7) Rayan 54, 11. Winfield (9) Antony 53.5 and 12. Woman At War (5) Neeraj 51.

1. CONTINUES, 2. WINFIELD, 3. SMALL DREAMS

1 FLIRTING VISION PLATE (Div. II), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 2.00: 1. Mehra (8) G. Vivek 60, 2. Days Date (6) Pavan 59.5, 3. Acantha (2) Srinath 58, 4. Nozomi (4) C. Umesh 57.5, 5. Honest Desire (1) Aleemuddin 57, 6. Most And More (5) Darshan 57, 7. Pursuit Of Wealth (7) Sai Kiran 57 and 8. Lorven's Glory (3) Shreyas S 54.5.

1. PURSUIT OF WEALTH, 2. DAYS DATE, 3. MEHRA

2 MAMMA'S MINK PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.35: 1. Star Of The Future (8) Tousif 56, 2. Annabelle (2) Antony 54.5, 3. Beauty Star (6) Sai Kiran 54.5, 4. Cashable (10) Suraj 54.5, 5. Jolie's Star (3) C. Umesh 54.5, 6. Mutual Trust (7) Trevor 54.5, 7. My Honey (9) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 8. Royal Jewel (4) Dhanu S 54.5, 9. Treasure Queen (5) R. Pradeep 54.5 and 10. Tyaaraa (1) Darshan 54.5.

1. ANNABELLE, 2. BEAUTY STAR, 3. MUTUAL TRUST

3 FLIRTING VISION PLATE (Div. I), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 3.10: 1, Flash (8) Bhawani S 62, 2. D Fronx (4) Salman Khan 60, 3. Amazing Attraction (5) Vivek 59, 4. Eternal Glory (3) G. Vivek 58.5, 5. Priceless Prince (2) Siddaraju P 58.5, 6. Blind Faith (6) Suraj 56.5, 7. Anzac Parade (7) Abhishek Mhatre 55 and 8. Count Basie (1) Shreyas S 52.5.

1. ETERNAL GLORY, 2. BLIND FAITH, 3. AMAZING ATTRACTION

4 RAJA OF BOBBILI MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 6-y-o & over, 3.45: 1. Prime Abbess (5) Neeraj 61.5, 2. Lady Invictus (1) Trevor 60, 3. Aherne (3) A. Ramu 59.5, 4. Kallu Sakkare (7) Rushal G 58.5, 5. Golden Time (6) Koshi K 57, 6. Armory (4) Angad 54, 7. The Strikingly (8) Sai Kiran 53 and 8. Augusto (2) Arvind K 51.

1. LADY INVICTUS, 2. ARMORY, 3. AUGUSTO

5 BANGALORE ST. LEGER (2,800m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4.15: 1. Cape Wickham (1) C. Umesh 58.5, 2. Dyf (5) Trevor 58.5, 3. Saigon (4) Srinath 58.5, 4. Truth (3) G. Vivek 58.5, 5. Golden Thunder (2) Antony 57 and 6. Ranquelino (6) Sandesh 57.

1. RANQUELINO, 2. DYF

6 ABOLINE PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 4.50: 1. Fortunatus (2) R. Robert 61, 2. Agera (5) G. Vivek 59, 3. Solo Prince (8) Tauseef 59, 4. The Grey Geranium (1) Sai KIran 58.5, 5. Star Admiral (4) Rayan 58, 6. Spirit Dancer (11) Koshi K 57, 7. War Trail (3) Arman Khan 57, 8. Super Kind (7) Trevor 55.5, 9. Princess Jasmine (10) Suhan K 53.5, 10. Infinite Spirit (9) Vinod Shinde 53, 11. Mega Success (6) Jagadeesh 53 and 12. Empress Bella (12) C. Umesh 51.5.

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Victor Hugo claims the Karnataka Police Cup

BENGALURU: Irfan Ghatala trained Victor Hugo (G. Vivek up) won the Karnataka Police Cup (1,800m), the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (July 19). The winner is owned by Mr. Ananda C.

1. AMAZING GRACE PLATE (1,400M): MY SOLITAIRE (Antony) 1, Flamingo Dream (Jagadeesh) 2, Embosom (G. Vivek) 3 and Turkoman (Darshan) 4. 1, 1-1/4 and 3-1/2. 1m 31.43s. Rs. 37 (w), 12, 18 and 14 (p), SHP: 51, THP: 43, FP: 190, Q: 114, Trinella: 310/135, Exacta: 1,495/993. Favourite: Embosom.
Owner: Mr. Ramesh R. Trainer: S. Shoban Babu.

2. BOLD GESTURE PLATE (1,200M): GOLDEN GLORY (Aleemuddin) 1, Totally Epic (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Jully (Asirvatham) 3 and Absolute Katrina (Dhanu S) 4. Not run: Amazing Storm and Golden Gallery. 1, 4 and 1-1/4. 1m 16.53s. Rs. 107 (w), 22, 14 and 28 (p), SHP: 33, THP: 75, FP: 1,236, Q: 430, Trinella: 5,266/2,031, Exacta: 57,308 (carried over)/24,560. Favourite: She's So Beautiful.
Owners: Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. Teja Gollapudi & Dr. Prabhakar Chowdary Tripuraneni. Trainer: S. Narredu.

3. YERAVADA STUD PLATE (1,400M): RIEKO (Sai Kiran) 1, Chardikala (Sandesh) 2, Forest Fragrance (Hindu S) 3 and Stravinsky (Angad) 4. 3/4, 1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 28.17s. Rs. 58 (w), 18, 17 and 20 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 43, FP: 838, Q: 379, Trinella: 1,963/701, Exacta: 21,348/16,011. Favourite: Aquastic.
Owner: Mr. P. Arun Kumar. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

4. DR. K.M. SRINIVASA GOWDA MEMORIAL CUP (1,400M): SCENT OF RAIN (Trevor) 1, Vibrant Queen (G. Vivek) 2, Blue Storm (Arvind K) 3 and Husanara (Suraj) 4. 4-1/4, 1-1/4 and 5-1/2. 1m 30.00s. Rs. 19 (w), 11, 16 and 25 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 52, FP: 63, Q: 53, Trinella: 577/217, Exacta: 646/192. Favourite: Scent Of Rain.
Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra & Mrs. Rina Mahindra. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

5. KARNATAKA POLICE CUP (1,800M): VICTOR HUGO (G. Vivek) 1, Secret Saint (Trevor) 2, Forseti (A. Ramu) 3 and The Leader (Neeraj) 4. 15-1/4, 1-1/4 and Nk. 1m 58.32s. Rs. 25 (w), 19 and 11 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 54, FP: 37, Q: 20, Trinella: 273/201, Exacta: 464/89. Favourite: Secret Saint.
Owner: Mr. Ananda C. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

NOTE: Due to underfoot condition not conducive for racing, the Stewards of the Bangalore Turf Club, have decided to postpone the last race of the day to Sunday's first race at 1.30 p.m.

JACKPOT: Rs. 11,885 (paid on fourth leg) (49 tkts); Treble (i): 8,002 (carried over); (ii): 52 (paid on (second leg) (468 tkts).